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Lorry lifeline Paul Valley takes a food truck through Sudan Graves at 90 The flamboyant life of poet Robert Graves One too many Should Turkey become a full EEC member? Team tennis Rex Bellamy on the final day of the inter-county cup

Portfolio

Two readers shared The Times Portfolio competition prize yesterday. Mr M. Harrison of Thornton Heath, Surrey, and Mr A. G. W. Livingstone of Yewell, receive £1,000 each. Portfolio list page 18: how to play, information service, back page. On Saturday £22,000 may be won - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Warning on car servicing

A tough garage licensing system may be brought in unless the standard of car repairs and servicing improves. Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, said after bringing out a report showing that 1.5 million people a year have complaints about garage work.

NUR ballots

The National Union of Railwaysmen is to hold ballots on the issues of closures at engineering workshops and one-man operation of trains.

Dollar fears

Pressure is growing on the Group of Ten industrial nations to help prevent the dollar's collapse.

Tree bonus

The Government is to offer cash incentives to encourage the use of broadleaved woodlands for timber production, recreation and nature conservation.

Hudson cancer

The American actor Rock Hudson, aged 59, is seriously ill in a Paris hospital with what his agent described as inoperable liver cancer.

Daily sales

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Ready to change

Education that equips people to adapt readily to change is now required by British industry, says Professor Richard Bishop, principal of Brunel University.

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Letters: On science resources, from Prof E. A. Davis; social security from the director of the Child Poverty Action Group and others. Leading articles: The Government; Belgrano; Bishop Tutu. Features, pages 12, 14. Why top people deserve their rise: South Africa's "phony emergency"; victory for Ethiopian Jews; Profile of Bernard Weatherill. Books, page 13. Brian Alderson reviews children's books; Geoffrey Moorhouse on William Golding; John Campbell reviews Robert Blake; Allan Massie on the Celtic fringe; Hugh Barnes on fiction of the west. Obituary, page 16. Mr T. R. Fyvel, Mr Alvah Bessie. Classified, pages 27-34. General appointments, La crème de la crème.

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Thatcher threat to resign averted defeat, say MPs

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Government escaped a defeat in the Commons by 17 votes early yesterday morning because of direct threats made by Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip, that the Prime Minister might resign and because 19 opposition MPs failed to stay on for the 2am vote on the Lord Chancellor's pay rise.

Altogether, 17 Labour, one Liberal and one Social Democratic Party MP voted at 10pm on Tuesday night and failed to vote at 2am yesterday. The Government missed defeat by four hours on the chosen symbol for Tory backbench protest against top people's planned pay rises.

It had been estimated on Tuesday night that as many as 56 Conservative backbenchers would vote against the Government, but a concerted battering by the whips was thought to have broken that down to the final core of 48 who finally went into the division with Labour.

Some of the MPs who were called in to see Mr Wakeham, in batches of up to six at a time, were told directly by the Chief Whip that if the Government was defeated they had better be prepared for an election in August.

When MPs protested at the patent absurdity of that threat, saying that a defeat would have been followed by a full-scale vote of confidence yesterday - in which they would obviously have supported the Prime Minister - they were told: "She might not be there".

Downing Street sources last night emphatically repudiated those reports and flatly denied that any such threats had been made, which provoked one

Conservative witness to respond angrily and bitterly: "Not only do we have Government by diktat, but now they are backing that up with straight lies."

The mood of backbenchers and, indeed, junior ministers was angrier and more bewildered than had been seen for many years. That anger was reinforced by the fact that 29 of

was going to be no change in the Prime Minister's attitude to her backbenchers, who had "had their day", their end-of-term fling.

The Government was going to carry on regardless, refusing to heed the pleas and protests of its supporters in the House so long as it had the majority to do so, according to the same source.

But the fact that the majority plunged from the overall figure of 140 to 17, carrying the Lord Chancellor's notional salary increase by 249 to 232, triggered the greatest anguish on the Labour side of the House yesterday.

Labour MPs said that there had been internal party uproar that the Government had scraped through with so many Labour MPs absent. Mrs Ann Clwyd, MP for Cynon Valley, quickly obtained more than a dozen backbench and front-bench signatures in support of a demand for an extraordinary meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party - to discuss the failure "to muster the necessary numbers" for the vote.

Party leaders said that it was not possible to arrange such a meeting last night and few Labour MPs are expected to be in the House today because it rises for the summer recess tomorrow.

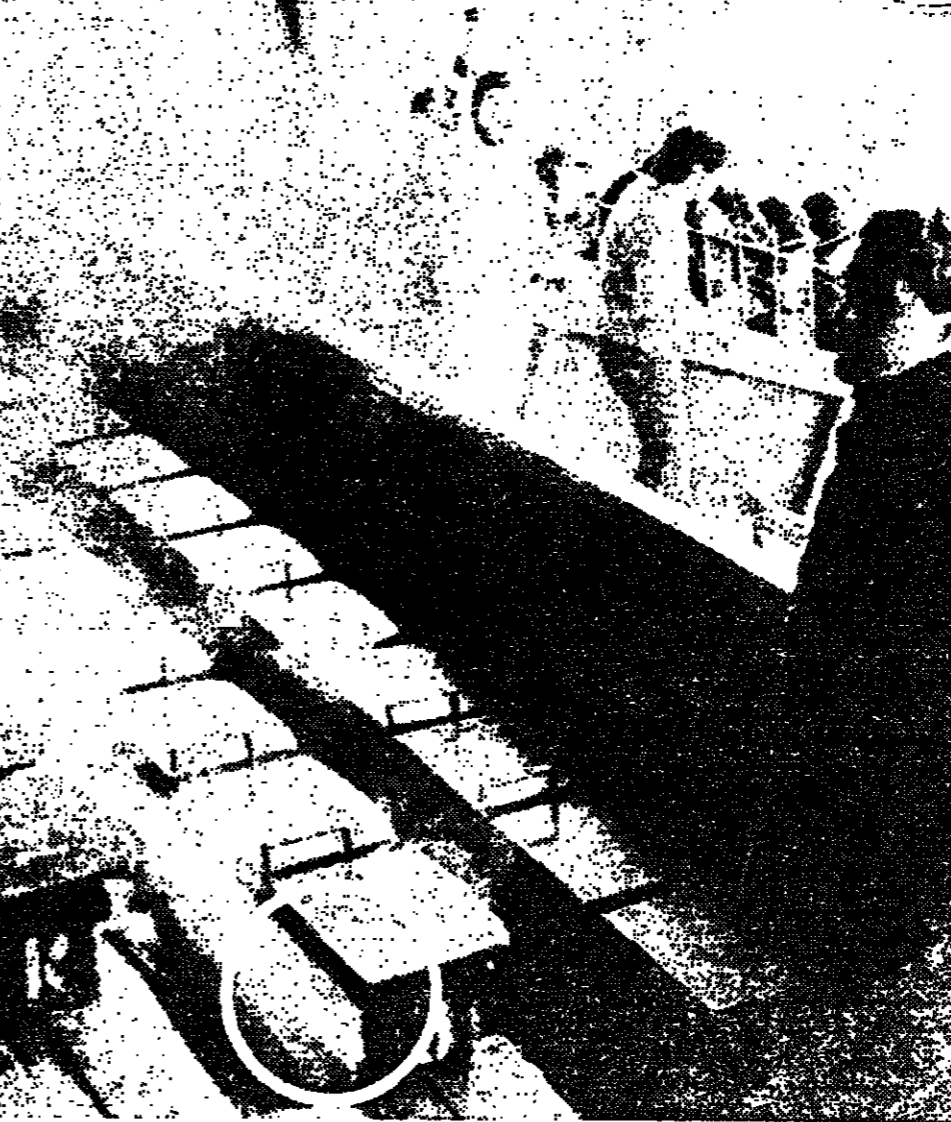
Mr Roy Hattersley, who had earlier attended a Labour national executive meeting which put off a decision to increase senior party headquarters salaries from £19,000 to £24,000, faced taunts last night from Tory MPs in the Commons when he urged that the House should not rise

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Parliamentary report 4, Leading article 15, More pay rises Back page. The 48 rebels were first elected in 1983, and many of them have shown the strongest personal loyalty to Mrs Thatcher. It was also aggravated by Downing Street's off-hand dismissal of their grievance over pay rises of up to 46 per cent for the most senior civil servants.

One senior Whitehall source said that the Government has won by 17 votes and that there

Flicker that became Bradford inferno



A photograph from the Poplewell report which recorded the start of the blaze - flames (circled) under seats on row J.

Ban on visiting fans urged in judge's football safety report

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A ban on away supporters at football matches and other remedies to combat violence and improve safety more far-reaching than anything the Government has put forward were proposed yesterday by the Poplewell inquiry.

Closed circuit television at Football League grounds in England and in the Scottish premier division; the building of a standard perimeter fence, with safety exits, around pitches and a ban on the building of stands made of combustible materials, were also recommended.

Mr Justice Poplewell was asked to report after the Bradford City fire on May 11 in which 56 people died. His inquiry also covered the riot involving Birmingham City and Leeds United fans at Birmingham on the same day, and also took into account lessons of the tragedy at the European Cup Final in Brussels on May 29 in which 38 people died.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in a statement on the judge's interim report, told the Commons that the Government was asking local authorities, police and sports authorities to respond immediately to some of the inquiry's recommendations.

Guidelines not followed 3. The proposals to introduce an identity card system and to ban away fans goes further than the Government which has been pushing the sceptical football authorities to adopt a national membership scheme but ministers were delighted by it, believing it to be a valuable lover on the Football League and the FA.

The judge said he could not guarantee the proposed ban would cure football hooliganism, but unless urgent steps were taken to produce some more efficient method of

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France recalls envoy from South Africa

From Diana Geddes, Paris

France is to recall its Ambassador from Pretoria and to ban all new French investment in South Africa in protest against the "inadmissible" apartheid regime, Mr Laurent Fabius, the French Prime Minister, announced yesterday.

It was also called for an emergency session of the UN Security Council to put a resolution condemning South African apartheid and to propose measures designed to press Pretoria to change its policies.

In the strongest French statement ever made on South Africa, Mr Fabius said: "For anyone attached to justice and human rights, the regime of apartheid in South Africa is inadmissible. It institutionalises racial discrimination. It undermines the moral and political principles on which our society is based."

The events over the last few days indicate a new and grave deterioration. In introducing the state of emergency, in conferring full powers to the

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Reports clash on Belgrano sinking

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Irreconcilable differences between Conservative and Labour members of the Commons foreign affairs committee led yesterday to the publication of two conflicting reports about the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, General Belgrano, at the height of the Falklands conflict in May 1982.

Both reports criticized the failure of ministers to give Parliament adequate information, but while the seven Conservatives found that there was no cover-up, the four Labour members charged ministers with a "sustained deception" of Parliament.

The Conservatives acquitted the Government of all the main charges which have underlain the three-year interrogation to which the ministers, former ministers, and advisers have been subjected.

On the central question of why the sinking of the Belgrano was ordered by the War Cabinet they concluded: "The attack on the Belgrano was authorized for legitimate military reasons, and not out of political design."

They say they are satisfied that the sinking of the nuclear-powered submarine, HMS Conqueror, on May 2, 1982, was militarily justified and that any other decision would have been a dereliction of the Government's duty.

Although the Labour MPs were reluctant to take at face value much of the evidence from British official sources, they do not endorse the harshest accusation of the Government's chief critic, Mr Tom Dallyell, Labour MP for Lanlithgow, with which the majority report begins its discussion of the main matters.

Mr Dallyell accused the Prime Minister of deliberately ordering the sinking in the expectation that HMS Conqueror's torpedoes would torpedo peace proposals advanced by the Government of Peru.

The view of the Labour minority is that the possibility of a link between the Peruvian initiative and the sinking of the Belgrano "is still an open question." It is one of many matters which, they insist, a fresh parliamentary inquiry should consider.

The senior Conservative member, Mr Peter Thomas, said yesterday that objective assessment of the evidence showed Mr Dallyell's "monstrously irresponsible and inexcusable" allegation to be without foundation. He was astounded that the Labour members considered the question still open.

Mr Ian Mikardo, the senior Labour member, replied that they were "agnostic." He said that there had been so much lying that anyone who relied on government statements to reach

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1m new jobs needed to cut dole queue

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

One million jobs will have to be created over the next four years to bring unemployment below three million. New official projections are for a sharp increase in the size of the labour force, with two-thirds of the rise accounted for by women.

The Department of Employment expects the labour force to rise by 750,000 by 1989 and by a further 80,000 by 1991. The projections, contained in the July Employment Gazette, are twice as big as previous estimates.

This represents a big headache for the Government. A 512,000 rise in the labour force upset hopes of a reduction in the jobless total last year. Since 1983, an increase in the employment labour force has accompanied a steady rise in unemployment.

More women will be available for work over the next six years, and fewer men will take early retirement, according to the Department of Employment.

Two baby booms will increase the labour force by 450,000 by 1991 with all but 12,000 of the rise by 1989.

Three men shot dead at Scottish sewage works

Police launched a hunt for a triple murderer yesterday after three men were found shot dead at a Scottish sewage works.

Detectives said that they could find no motive for the attack on employees at Strathclyde regional council's sewage plant in Clyde Avenue, Bothwell, Lanarkshire. An intensive search was quickly under way for the shotgun used in the shooting.

The murderer set fire to the building before escaping in a blue Datsun car, with the registration number SHS 895W. The car belonged to one of the victims.

Sacked Ogarkov makes defence comeback

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Highly placed Soviet sources have confirmed that Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, sacked as Chief of Staff under Chernenko almost a year ago, has made a remarkable comeback as Commander in Chief of the Warsaw Pact and First Deputy Minister of Defence.

The appointment, approved personally by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, puts Marshal Ogarkov, aged 67, in line to succeed Marshal Sergei Sokolov as Defence Minister should he step down. Marshal Sokolov, appointed last December after the death of Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, is aged 73 and in indifferent health.

Further confirmation of the move may come today at a

CBI harsh warning on economy

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Government last night got its most brutal and severe warning for years from British industry: the "bunker mentality" of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's administration was bringing the economic recovery to an end.

Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, echoing the increasing alarm being sounded by all sections of business and commerce, said: "There has got to be still more reductions in interest rates to get the exchange rate more in line with our competitors."

"The City knows it, the banks know it, even the newspaper columnists have got the message. Continuation of present policies will harm our exports and encourage imports."

The lack of stability of exchange rates coupled with an increasing lack of industrial competitiveness had forced businessmen to speak out, he said. "We are all becoming increasingly concerned at the tendency of the authorities to dig in - their bunker mentality."

Sir Terence's remarks, delivered to members of the Confederation's East Midlands region in Northampton, mark the beginning of the end of the "softly, softly" approach by the CBI towards Government economic policy and are reminiscent of the "bare knuckle" fight with the Government he called for several years ago over the state of the nation.

The CBI has recently become more vociferous in its calls for lower interest rates and its monthly council meetings have witnessed a growing frustration from industrialists over what is seen as inaction over infrastructure spending and failure to cut current public spending.

Lawrence and Curran rattle the Australians

David Lawrence, the young Gloucestershire fast bowler and England Test prospect, took three for 52 as the Australian tour team collapsed to 146 all out at Bristol yesterday. But it was his county colleague, Kevin Curran, who captured the main honours.

He took five Australian wickets for 35 with some fine pace bowling and then, when Gloucestershire were in trouble at 33 for four Curran steadied the batting with 25 runs in an hour and a quarter.

The England selectors missed Lawrence's performance. They were watching other matches

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# Union to vote on strike call over jobs and one-man trains

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The left-led National Union of Railwaymen bowed to the hated employment legislation yesterday by calling ballots which could halt the national network and stop production at all workshops.

Mr Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the union, announced a referendum among 25,000 staff at British Rail Engineering Ltd over closures, and among 10,000 guards on the issue of one-man operation of trains.

The decision came as the union called off the blacking of privately built "railbuses" in response to a High Court injunction won by British Rail because there had been no ballot on the action.

The union's move constitutes a big change in strategy and comes after a conference vote to abide by clauses in last year's Trade Union Act covering strike ballots.

Mr Knapp accused management of a "vindictive and almost inhuman" approach to industrial relations and said that he thought his members would respond with an overwhelming "yes" vote to the call to arms.

The union is angry that private companies are obtaining British Rail orders while management proposes to make 5,000 of its own workshop staff redundant. NUR members had boycotted 25 trains costing

£300,000, which were being built by Walter Alexander of Falkirk, and had refused to move the first of them to Derby for trials. The British Rail plants are building 50 more units.

It would be possible to create between 1,400 and 1,600 new jobs at the engineering workshops if new stock was built by them, Mr Knapp said. He accused management of "exporting" jobs by placing orders abroad for locomotives.

British Rail has introduced one-man operation on the Bedford-St. Pancras line, but elsewhere the system is at an experimental stage and going ahead without the co-operation of either the NUR or the train drivers' union Aslef.

Thousands of commuters travelling from King's Cross and around the Cambridge area have been faced with severe disruption for more than a week because of an overtime ban in protest at training courses for single-man operation.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary, said after yesterday's meeting of the general council that he welcomed the statement by Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, that the union rejected speculation that it would help to form a breakaway trade union movement.

# TUC may sue to get mine union fees

By Our Labour Reporter

Legal action may be taken by the TUC against the receiver in control of the financial affairs of the National Union of Mine-workers, who has refused to allow the payment of affiliation fees to Congress House.

The general council of the TUC yesterday agreed to waive temporarily the payment of more than £100,000-a-year subscriptions, but Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said that litigation was one of the options being examined.

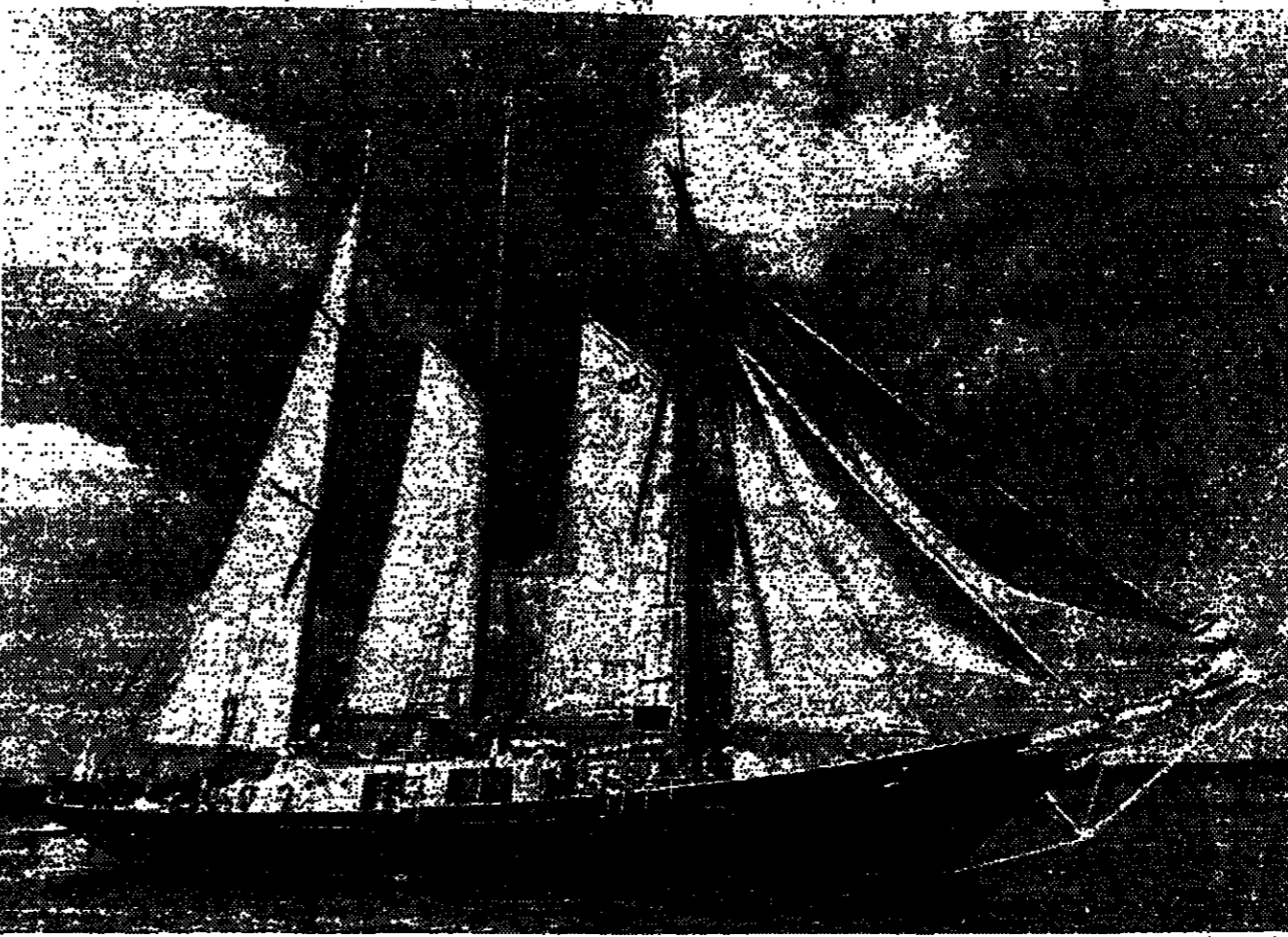
Strict rules on affiliation were amended yesterday in order to allow a miners' delegation to appear at the annual congress in September, he said.

Mr Willis said that Mr Michael Arnold, the NUM receiver, had indicated that if anyone else attempted to pay the fee it could be regarded as a contempt of court.

Mr Arnold, who was appointed by the High Court in November to run the affairs of the union, had allowed the release of funds for other purposes, Mr Willis said. He had been "very surprised".

Attendance at Congress was "normal and standard" practice for the union and this year was particularly important in the aftermath of the year-long pit strike, Mr Willis said.

A spokesman for the receiver said the decision to withhold the money was then on the basis that the High Court judge who had ordered sequestration of the union's funds had directed that creditors should not be paid until the contempt of court was purged.



Fall sail ahead: The 100ft schooner Malcolm Miller of the United Kingdom Sail Training Association, preparing for the 1985 Catty Sark Tall Ships Race from Margate to Zeebrugge, which starts today. More than 100 ships have entered (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

# NUT denies shutting door on pay talks

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

The leader of the teachers' side of the Burnham pay negotiating committee, Mr Fred Jarvis, yesterday angrily denied the suggestion that the teachers had slammed the door on further talks in the long-running pay dispute.

But unofficial soundings from the local authority employers suggested that the National Union of Teachers, using its dominant position on the teachers' panel, had done just that.

A letter from Mr Jarvis, who is general secretary of the NUT, was delivered yesterday to Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the employers' side, telling him that the teachers were willing to talk, but only on condition that the employers raised their 6.06 per cent offer.

So far as the employers are concerned this means there will be no talks. They feel they have gone up to and beyond their ability to pay and cannot talk with strings attached.

If anything the employers are relieved by the NUT's hardline stance. If the teachers' panel had accepted a motion from the second biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, to talks without strings, the employers might have been embarrassed. They would have had to have listened to the teachers' demands for a pay award and still been unable to raise their offer.

In yesterday's letter to the employers, Mr Jarvis detailed the four-point plan on which the NUT bases its demand for a higher offer. It wants the employers to increase their offer to at least 6.9 per cent to keep pace with inflation.

It wants a phased deal so that teachers would end up with a 7.5 per cent increase in average earnings.

University lecturers yesterday wrote to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to renew their demand for an improved pay offer in the wake of the Government's pay award to top people.

University pay talks have reached stalemate. The lecturers were offered a 4 per cent last March but claim their pay has been eroded by 26 per cent since the Government came to power in 1979.

# Engineers face TUC inquiry

By Our Labour Reporter

The TUC yesterday decided to urgently push through an inquiry into the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which could lead to its expulsion for accepting government money for ballots (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The Finance and General Purposes Committee, the TUC's "inner cabinet", is to meet representatives of the AUEW the week after next when the engineers will face the charge that they are guilty of behaviour which "may be detrimental to the interests of the trade union movement or contrary to the declared principles or declared policy of the Congress".

Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the electricians' union which has applied for government cash, but not yet received it, told the TUC's general council yesterday that nearly every union affiliated to Congress House had broken its rules in some way and that therefore the move to exclude the AUEW, and potentially his own union, was unjust.

# MPs criticize terms of defence posting

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Arrangements arising from the appointment of Mr Peter Levene as the £95,000-a-year Chief of Defence Procurement were condemned yesterday by the House of Commons public accounts committee.

In a report severely critical of the Ministry of Defence's commercial activities, the committee also complained that defence contractors had been allowed to retain excess profits estimated at £220 million.

Since March, Mr Levene had been accounting officer for the Defence Procurement vote. Because he had previously been chairman of United Scientific Holdings, a defence contractor, he is not to be involved in ministry business with his former companies for at least his first year in office.

The committee says: "In our view, there should be no area of government expenditure, however small, for which the accounting officer does not have executive powers and the ability to answer personally to this committee." "We regard this arrangement

# Six-year deal to save plant

By Our Labour Reporter

Unions have signed a commitment to a six-year pay deal at a factory in South Wales as part of an unusual efficiency package which has saved 600 jobs (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The agreement has meant that the plant at Kenfig, west Glamorgan, owned by the American automatic transmission group, Borg-Warner, has been saved from closure.

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the main union involved, refused to ratify the deal because of its implications for industry elsewhere, but agreed not to oppose it because it was the only way to save the works.

Employees at the factory will get a 7 per cent pay rise this year, 5 per cent next year and 5 per cent the year after. No further figures have been fixed, but it was agreed that another three-year deal will be concluded.

The plan has been overwhelmingly endorsed in a series of meetings with employees.

# NUJ to resist BBC cuts

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The National Union of Journalists has instructed its members in the BBC to go into immediate dispute if the corporation tries to introduce more short-term contract staff into news and current affairs as part of its economy campaign.

The move is likely to be the first in a number of offensives by broadcasting unions against measures announced by the BBC last week, which the corporation says are designed to shift resources from bureaucracy on to the television screen.

A key facet of the corporation's plan is to increase the use of short-term contract staff from 10 per cent of the manning levels of programme production departments, to at least 25 per cent.

The NUJ said yesterday that all BBC had been told to go into dispute immediately if management attempted to replace vacant staff jobs with freelance journalists on contract. "We don't accept that news and current affairs, which are very largely a continuing demand, need to be staffed by temporary people," said a spokes-

man. "If the BBC wants to go ahead with this what we shall seek to do is ensure that it becomes too expensive to employ contract staff and that the corporation makes no saving whatsoever."

Contract staff have been a subject of disagreement between the BBC and the NUJ for some time. A small number are well-known television journalists who earn up to £40,000 a year on contracts of only a few months. The union's policy has been to reduce contract employment.

Members of the Broadcasting Entertainment Trades Alliance, who are most affected by BBC's plans to shed up to 4,000 jobs, met last night to work out how to oppose the measures, which would involve privatizing caption, security, and cleaning staff, and reducing clerical and secretarial cover.

Mr Paddy Leech, the union's deputy general secretary, said that the BBC measures were not a response to the failure to win a £65 licence fee but a political gesture. "They have received a £58 licence fee. That wasn't a cut or a standstill, it was an increase. I

think the BBC want to out-Thatcher Thatcher at the moment."

A meeting of all the unions involved is planned for Monday to work out a joint campaign against the measures. The BBC says it wants to introduce the economies, and the programme expansions which they will fund, as soon as possible.

Commercial radio stations throughout Britain face a four-hour staff walkout next month in support of 10 journalists at the Birmingham station, BRMB, who say they have been locked out for nine weeks.

The Peacock committee has appointed an American-owned consultancy, National Economic Research Association (NERA), to advise on the potential impact of advertising on the BBC.

The consultants will try to assess the effect which advertising on the BBC would have on commercial television and other media. NERA, a London-based subsidiary of the American group, Marsh & McLennan, has made several previous studies of media economics.

# Social fund to be used for exceptional cases

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Government's proposed social fund to replace one-off payments to those on supplementary benefit is to be confined to "truly exceptional cases". Nobody with realizable assets of more than £750 will receive help with a relative's funeral expenses, in spite of the cost of a simple funeral ranging from £350 to £650, the papers propose, and widows will be denied help with funeral expenses altogether.

That, the papers say, is because the new £1,000 grants, which are to replace the widow's allowance, a weekly payment which much the same sum over the 26 weeks it is paid at present, was set at that level "to help with costs of funerals".

Under the fund, no grants will be offered for high heating bills or debts, there will be no grants for removal expenses, only loans, and no loans below £60 will be available. Help with house repairs for the elderly or chronically sick will be limited to a maximum of "say £400" because "it would be unfair on other people seeking help from the social fund for repairs to one person's home to absorb a large chunk of the budget".

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on health and social security, said the papers make it clear that the existing rights of appeal to tribunals and the courts on one-off payments will be "swept away".

"Under the proposals, even those in need of community care will have to prove they have no more than £50 to £100 in the bank, no realizable assets, no insurance policy, no access to credit or an overdraft, and no prospect of help from a relation or charity before they get a loan or grant."

# Jenkin attacks Tory doubters

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

An attack on Conservative doubters was made yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, with a confident prediction that the Government could win a third term of office by holding to present policies.

In a staunch defence of the Thatcherite citadel, he described trade union reform, privatization, deregulation and tax reductions as "policies of the new consensus", with which the Labour Party was coming to terms and which other European countries were adopting.

And he criticized Conservatives who sought a return to the "corporate consensus" of the 1960s and 1970s, which placed less emphasis on making the cake larger and more on distributing the slices.

Taking up the arguments of Mr Peter Walker and other members of Mr Francis Pym's Conservative Centre Forward group, Mr Jenkin said he did not believe there was a "trade-

off between efficiency and compassion".

"It is easy to appear caring by pledging taxpayers' money to worthy causes, the creation of jobs for example," he said. "It is not so easy to show people that the borrowing or taxation to pay for those pledges means higher interest rates and job losses elsewhere."

Mr Jenkin, who was speaking to the Conservative Bow Group at Westminster, said, nothing could be more compassionate than to create wealth, which provided the wherewithal to help the needy.

Creation of wealth was "the most fundamental of all social services".

In line with the Prime Minister's new orthodoxy of boasting of public expenditure levels, he said they must all beat the drum more. They had been less than bold about increases in spending on the health service, on primary education, on most social security benefits.

# Two docks halted by walk out

By Our Labour Reporter

Dockyard workers at Devonport and Rosyth walked out yesterday over plans to sell the yards off.

The privatization announced by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, will mean at least 2,400 job losses, 2,000 of them at Devonport.

Industrial and white-collar workers began a 24-hour strike yesterday in protest.

Mr David Carter, boilermakers' leader, said at a mass rally in Plymouth: "In the words of an ageing American politician 'you ain't seen nothing yet.'"

Mr Bill Goffin, leader of the industrial unions at Devonport, said there would be no consultation with management while the threat of 2,000 job losses remained.

He said a bigger demonstration was planned for the near future. Thousands of Devonport's 13,500 workers marched through Plymouth to the rally.

# Shipbuilders reduce losses by 84%

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

State-owned British Shipbuilders saw its losses fall by 84 per cent last year to a trading level of £25 million, against £161 million the previous year.

But the continuing costs associated with the 1984 sale of the Scott Lithgow yard on the Clyde to Trafalgar House and other extraordinary items, raised the total loss to £107 million.

The results, published yesterday, show that BS is still in dispute with Trafalgar House over the Scott Lithgow deal. The corporation is disputing the payment of almost £50 million plus interest to Trafalgar House and the issue has been put in the hands of an expert for a binding decision expected before the end of the year.

BS has already paid £30.65 million on account to Trafalgar, the bulk of which is related to the cost of completing a semi-submersible drilling rig for British Petroleum which was the agreed responsibility of BS. Other costs including fees and sub-contract costs raised this figure to £53.5 million.

Mr Graham Day, BS chairman, said: "In financial terms Scott Lithgow was an unmitigated disaster". BS executives told the Commons select committee on trade and industry yesterday that Scott Lithgow had not been sold at a realistic price and that have cost the corporation much more.

The results show that the merchant-shipbuilding yards made a loss of £59.3 million last year, up by £10 million, while warship building, which is being privatized, made profits of £45.5 million, a rise of nearly £2 million.

Mr Day told the select committee that after privatization the remaining merchant shipbuilding yards would close "only if the Government does not reasonably support them". "The degree to which we can lessen that cost makes it more likely that the Government will continue to support the merchant shipbuilding industry", he said.

# Microchip aid for Muslims

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A company based in Farnham, Hampshire, has developed a microchip device to help Muslims find Mecca. Determining the holy city's direction, in which the world's one billion Muslims are obliged to turn to pray, has always posed a problem for the travelling faithful, and today's jet travel has intensified it.

The newest "Mecca finder", called the Meccah Markah, is being tested by Mr Satish Sharma, a lecturer in surveying at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. Tests in Ascot, Portsmouth and Watford appear to have been successful.

The instrument, made by Sensortron Research and Development, is thought to provide the location of Mecca and the central shrine in the Holy City, the Ka'aba, more accurately than any of its predecessors.

The user can program the device, which looks like a cigar case, with a four-digit code instructing it about the user's precise geographic location.

A small magnetic disc in the device triggers an alarm when it is pointing towards Mecca. A clicking sound, like the noise of a geiger counter becomes an almost continuous tone when the direction is found.

# Microchip aid for Muslims

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A company based in Farnham, Hampshire, has developed a microchip device to help Muslims find Mecca. Determining the holy city's direction, in which the world's one billion Muslims are obliged to turn to pray, has always posed a problem for the travelling faithful, and today's jet travel has intensified it.

The newest "Mecca finder", called the Meccah Markah, is being tested by Mr Satish Sharma, a lecturer in surveying at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. Tests in Ascot, Portsmouth and Watford appear to have been successful.

The instrument, made by Sensortron Research and Development, is thought to provide the location of Mecca and the central shrine in the Holy City, the Ka'aba, more accurately than any of its predecessors.

The user can program the device, which looks like a cigar case, with a four-digit code instructing it about the user's precise geographic location.

A small magnetic disc in the device triggers an alarm when it is pointing towards Mecca. A clicking sound, like the noise of a geiger counter becomes an almost continuous tone when the direction is found.

# JMB writs issued against Lawson

By Stuart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Writs of defamation were issued yesterday against Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the BBC, a BBC journalist, and ITN by solicitors acting for Arthur Young McClelland Moores, former auditors of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

The firm were auditors and accountants for JMB at the time of the bank's collapse last year. On June 20 this year the Chancellor told the Commons that Arthur Young were to be sued because of questions raised "about the role of the auditors" in the collapse.

The writs have been issued by Arthur Young after remarks made on radio and television interviews on June 20. This week, Mr Andrew Darnell, for Arthur Young, said the Chancellor had gone "much further" than his Commons comments.

Yesterday Mr Darnell said three writs had been served. One writ named Mr Lawson and the BBC for a radio programme *The World Tonight*. A second involved Mr Lawson, the BBC and a programme called *The Financial World Tonight*. It also named Mr Rodney Smith, a BBC journalist.

The third writ involves ITN and Channel Four News. Mr Darnell said the writs against Mr Lawson had been accepted on his behalf by the Treasury Solicitor's department. At present Arthur Young have not made any statement of claims nor has one been received from JMB, who issued their writs against the accountancy firm on Tuesday.

# Tories get lion's share of firms' political donations

By Our Labour Reporter

The number of companies making donations to political parties and organizations is as low as it has been in the past seven years, according to a survey published today. But it seems to indicate that the Conservative Party has been more able than most to retain its sources of funds.

About three-quarters of all donations, which amounted to about £2.5 million, went directly into Conservative Party coffers.

Based on the annual accounts of more than 1,250 of leading British companies, the survey, produced by the Labour Party Research Department, shows a substantial fall both in the total donated overall and the number of donors during the 1983 election year. Then, more than £3.5 million was given by 384 companies.

Last year, a total of £2,689,363 was given by 320 firms. Of that, just more than £2 million went direct to the Conservative Party; the Alliance and its constituent parties a total of £28,700, according to the survey.

The Labour research department says: "The main reason behind the general fall-off in donations is that companies that gave during the general election year have not repeated their donations."

It believes four companies each gave more than £60,000 directly to the Conservative Party: the directors of a small handful of major public companies. The largest donations to the Conservative Party and/or the BUI, including industrialist

councils, were: Allied Lyons, £82,000; Royal Electronics, £75,000; Taylor Woodrow, £63,725; British and Commonwealth Shipping, £94,050 (an assumed donation based on 1983 figures).

But none is close to the £188,000 donation to the Liberal Party in 1983 and 1984 from the British School of Motoring disclosed by the Labour research department earlier this year.

BSM accounts for 1984 were not available for inclusion in the survey, the research department says. But *The Times* has confirmed the donation, which included £48,000 for last year and £25,000 for the current year.

The Labour Party, commenting on the survey, describes it as a "timely reminder of the undemocratic methods used to fee the Tory coffers, when trade unions are having to spend money to argue their case for maintaining a political fund."

Total donations in 1984 based on 1,250 company accounts

Organization	No of companies donating	Amount £
Conservative Party	248	2,043,204
British Union		
Industrialists	23	324,700
Industrialists Councils	32	154,150
Economic League	37	80,287
Alm	12	15,550
Centres for Policy Studies	17	35,800
Liberts	2	5,100
SPF	4	10,000
Alliance	6	13,900
English Speaking Union	2	220
British in Europe	1	250
Common Cause	2	4,050
Tory Reform Group	1	750
Unspecified	14	1,702

# How top salary body operates

The top Salaries Review Body, chaired by Lord Plowden, drew up its controversial report on salary rises for senior civil servants in about eight months, until the drafting of the report in Easter.

It heard evidence from many government departments, including the Ministry of Defence, the Lord Chancellor's Department, and the Treasury. An independent survey was praised comparing the work of senior civil servants with some industrialists.

The secretariat for the body came from five officers at the Civil Service's own Office of Manpower Economics.

The chairman of the office, Mr Ron Williams, a grade 3 civil servant, is thought to be one of a number of those helping to draw up the report who are likely to benefit from the increases it recommends.

The eight members of the Top Salaries Review Body are:

and as the Government's chief economic planner from 1947 to 53. He then became chairman of Equity Capital for Industry, chairman of Tube Investments, and chairman of the Public Complaints Board from 1976 to 81.

● Sir Robin Ibbes, director of ICI and on the review body since 1983, has been an unpaid adviser to the Prime Minister on efficiency and effectiveness in government for the past two years. From 1980 to 82 he was Head of the Central Policy Review Staff, Cabinet Office.

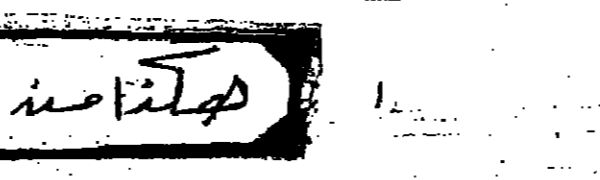
● Mr Andrew Morrill, QC, on the review body since 1982, has been Attorney General to the Prince of Wales since 1978, was a member of the Advisory Committee on Legal Education from 1972 to 76, and junior counsel to the Secretary of State for Trade in Chancery matters, 1970 to 77.

● Sir Harold Aitchison, on the review body since 1971, has been chairman of the Police Negotiating Board since 1983. In 1974 he served on an inquiry into nurses' pay.

● Lord Chorley, a chartered

# Paper's ban ends

The Labour-controlled Wrekin District Council has lifted a ban on dealings with the *Shropshire Star* evening newspaper imposed four months ago in support of the National Graphical Association which had 56 members dismissed after a dispute



Mr Satish Sharma with the device

# Four tons of cannabis seized

Customs officers have seized four tons of cannabis worth £6 million from a Mersey dock.

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# Improve vehicle servicing or risk tough licensing, garages are warned

By Derek Harris  
Commercial Editor

Unless the motor trade improves standards of car repairs and servicing a tough new licensing system for garages may have to be brought in. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of Fair Trading, said yesterday.

He gave the warning after releasing a report which showed that complaints about repairs and servicing are still rising in spite of moves in the motor trade to improve garage services. According to the report, some 1.3 million people a year, which is rather more than 10 per cent of garage customers, have something to complain about after a garage visit.

relations and educating car owners about the need for adequate maintenance.

He added: "I am looking to the motor trade to improve its services. It then put forward a series of detailed recommended measures to improve standards, including a suggested change in the system of bonus payments for mechanics. This currently places a premium on the speed at which jobs are completed rather than on quality of work which means there is a danger of customers getting a second-rate service, the report pointed out.

It is also suggested that garages should regard repairs and servicing as a potentially profitable business in its own right and provide more management time with the aim of

meeting needs and attracting customers.

More flexibility on services is suggested to allow the garages to carry out regular car servicing schedules while leaving other jobs for the motorist. The report welcomes the wider use of "menu-pricing", providing an all-inclusive fixed price for a service or repair.

A less effective alternative to the licensing scheme would be to issue prohibition orders banning garages from carrying out licensing work, the report said.

● **Car Repairs and Servicing:** A Report by the Director General of Fair Trading, available from Room 510, Chancery House, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SP.

## Rear seatbelt law due

Rear seatbelts for all new cars are to be made compulsory within two years, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport announced last night. Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter writes.

Commons written answer, she said they had great potential for saving lives and reducing injuries and it is right that they should be fitted to new cars to provide rear seat passengers with the opportunity to protect themselves.

Mr Gordon Bagler, Labour MP for Sunderland South.

After the introduction of compulsory seatbelts for front occupants in January 1983, there were 20 per cent fewer fatal and serious injuries in the first six months of 1984, compared with the same period in 1983. But back seat fatalities and serious injuries rose by 13 per cent during the period.

Mrs Chalker welcomed the select committee recommendation and said her department was circulating draft regulations making rear seatbelts or child restraints a legal requirement for all cars manufactured from October 1986, and first registered from April 1987.



Sarzanna Aslam, aged 18, a Cambridge Youth Theatre player, persuades Prince Edward to join a dance during a performance of *Bury Fair* on Queen's Green, Cambridge (Photograph: Bob Seymore)

## Immigrant rules 'will lengthen queues'

By Pat Healy  
Race Relations Correspondent

Controversial new immigration rules will lengthen already growing queues. Home Office officials admitted yesterday, an estimated 11,000 wives a year will be subjected to the "primary purpose" rule for the first time from August 26, and stricter accommodation and maintenance rules for couples will cause extra work.

Queues are expected to build up abroad. At the end of 1984, 19,400 people in the Indian sub-continent were waiting for a decision on their applications, compared with 18,000 a year before. The second report of the Immigration and Nationality Department (IND) of the Home Office, published yesterday disclosed that the waiting time for people in India entitled to special entry vouchers had lengthened from 7 years and 10 months.

The new rules, introduced after the European Court of Human Rights found Britain guilty of sex discrimination, would lead to a 20 per cent increase in applications for entry clearance certificates in the Indian sub-continent, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants forecast yesterday.

Ms Fiona MacTaggart, general secretary, said: "This anomaly report obscures the fact that queues are being deliberately maintained to keep people in India who have a right of entry to Britain."

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, in a foreword to the report, says IND has pursued an "efficient, economic and effective control" in the past year. It had reduced waiting time for nationality applications, frozen fees for citizenship to mid-1970s levels in real terms, and sharply reduced delays on Home Office appeals.

Immigration and Nationality Department report July 1985 (Home Office) £1.50.

## 'Wall of silence' at baby death trial

A jury of six men and six women were asked at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to consider whether any father who bites his child 57 times can be described as "loving and caring".

Mr Clive Nicholls, QC, for the prosecution, posed the question in his closing address in the trial of Andrew Neil, aged 20, who denies murdering his daughter, Tyra Henry, aged 21 months.

The jury was reminded that the woman with whom Mr Neil lived, Claudette Henry, aged 20, had described him as a kind, loving and caring father. "You may consider that anyone who causes such terrible injuries to a tender mite has a total disregard for the feelings and dignity of that child as a human being," Mr Nicholls said.

Mr Neil, an unemployed electrician of Evelyn House, Bonham Road, Brixton, is said to have battered and bitten Tyra so severely that she died from brain damage. The baby was in the care of Lambeth council's social services department at the time of her death.

Mr Neil did not go into the witness box to give evidence in his own defence. Mr Nicholls said that some witnesses had tried to conceal the truth from the jury, by deliberately lying or by showing a reluctance to answer questions.

They had, he suggested, tried to "put up a wall of silence" to protect Mr Neil.

Mr Ashe Lincoln, QC, for the defence, urged the jury to consider whether the baby's brain damage was caused when she was dropped or punched accidentally during a fight between Mr Neil and Miss Henry.

He said that Mr Neil had admitted biting the baby, but claimed that Miss Henry had asked him to do it to try to revive the baby when she fell unconscious.

"We are dealing here with people who have different standards and customs and different approaches to life than us," Mr Lincoln said.

The jury is expected to retire today to consider a verdict.

## Peace prize canvassed for Geldof

Three in five Britons think that Mr Bob Geldof, the organizer of the Live Aid fund raising concert, should be awarded the Nobel peace prize, a NOP survey shows.

Seventy-two per cent think he should get an award of some kind, with 5 per cent believing he should receive a knighthood. 12 per cent he should be an OBE and 7 per cent an MBE.

The poll found that young and middle-class people were most likely to donate.

The Post Office announced yesterday that donations through National Girobank had reached £5.4 million, the total raised is about £13.5 million in Britain and £50 million worldwide.

## Financial advisers for police

Tighter budgets are prompting several police forces to consider appointing civilian financial directors.

West Yorkshire police are to appoint a civilian "executive controller" to an assistant chief constable's post next year, and Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said he was not opposed to a similar move in view of the need for "in-house" financial management.

While the Home Office said yesterday that there was no national policy on such appointments, a circular issued in 1983 on efficiency is being seen as an encouragement to forces to seek outside professional expertise.

## Salesman 'strangled peace protester'

A sales representative murdered a Greenham Common peace protester, Miss Deirdre Sainsbury, by strangling her and beating her about the head with a hockey stick, before dumping her body on a golf course, a court was told yesterday.

Colin Frederick Campbell, aged 37, of Beresford Avenue, Hanwell, west London, pleaded

not guilty at Reading Crown Court to the murder of Miss Sainsbury, aged 29.

Mr Peter Bowsher, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Campbell gave Miss Sainsbury a lift on the South Circular Road in London, drove her to a secluded spot and made sexual advances to her.

alleged to have murdered Miss Sainsbury last December 22.

In a document which was handed to the jury, Mr Campbell says he drove to Denham golf course, Buckinghamshire, and left the body in undergrowth near the sixteenth tee.

The hearing continues today.

## Bailed Saudi prince emerges in London



The prince in London yesterday

Prince Mansour Bin Saud Abdul Aziz, who was reported to have fled Britain, appeared outside the London home of his brother, Prince Khalid, yesterday and announced "I am here".

During a two-minute appearance on the doorstep of the Belgravia mews house, the prince, aged 31, a nephew of the King of Saudi Arabia, was reluctant about the confusion surrounding his whereabouts during the previous 48 hours.

The prince, charged with conspiring to supply cocaine, spent two weeks in jail but on Monday at the High Court, he was granted £150,000 bail and was ordered to report twice

weekly to the police until his trial, yet to be fixed.

When asked to explain reports that he had fled Britain, he replied: "You are the reporters. No comment." Then he went back into the house.

Standing with him outside the house in Lowndes Close, south-west London, was Mr Adnan al Mandeel, the Saudi Arabian vice-consul who stood £50,000 of the prince's bail.

Before Prince Mansour's appearance, Mr Al Mandeel emphasized that the prince had not left the country since his release on bail. When asked if the prince would be appearing at Marylebone Magistrates' Court today on the drugs

charge, Mr al Mandeel replied: "Yes".

When asked to comment on reports that the prince had broken his bail conditions and had flown to Riyadh from Heathrow Airport, he replied "He is here and did not leave the country".

Asked if the prince has been staying at his brother's London home during his stay in this country, Mr al Mandeel replied: "Yes, I have seen him and he is here. He is OK. Of course, he is annoyed that they are telling stories about him that are not true. I can confirm to you that he is here in this house".

## Bitten child's mother 'refused to hide body'

A mother, Susan Stock, told police she refused to allow her boy friend's suggestion of burying her child's battered body. Liverpool Crown Court was told yesterday.

Miss Stock, aged 22, and Malcolm Pool, aged 28, both of Duke Street, Birkenhead, deny murdering Christopher Stock, his injuries included 30 bite marks.

Mr Justice Russell said he would direct the jury to return not guilty verdicts against Mr Pool and Miss Stock on two grievous bodily harm charges. The case was adjourned.

## Popplewell football safety inquiry

### Fire guidelines not followed at Bradford

By Philip Webster  
Political Reporter

The Bradford City football fire disaster in May this year in which 56 people died would not have happened if Home Office recommendations for safety at sports grounds had been complied with, Mr Justice Popplewell said yesterday in the interim report of his inquiry into the disaster and into the riot at Birmingham City's ground on the same day.

The Bradford fire, which engulfed the wooden main stand of the Valley Parade ground in about five minutes, was caused by the accidental lighting of debris below the floorboards in row 1 or J between seats 141 and 143, the judge concluded.

"I am quite satisfied that the cause of the fire was the dropping of a lit cigarette, or cigarette, or tobacco on to debris beneath the floorboards... It is quite impossible to determine who caused the fire to start; indeed it would be grossly unfair to point the finger at any one person."

The inquiry found that waste paper and other combustible debris had been allowed to collect under the stand. Evidence suggested that it may have been even a foot deep in its original unburnt state.

The Green Guide published by the Home Office in 1976 on safety at sports grounds said that where voids under stands existed they should be sealed off so that paper could not find its way into them.

It said that all parts of buildings should be inspected before and after every event and accumulations of combustible waste cleared as quickly as practicable or stored in a safe place pending clearance, and that every stand should be provided with sufficient exits to

allow for the orderly evacuation from the stands of all spectators likely to be accommodated. "Had the Green Guide been complied with this tragedy would not have occurred," the judge said.

The report concludes that the Birmingham riot on the same day, when a boy aged 15, was killed, was caused because a substantial number of drunken Leeds supporters went to Birmingham deliberately to cause trouble "and thereby sparked off the Birmingham riot. The Birmingham riot was as bad as, if not worse than, that of the visitors."

Mr Justice Popplewell makes 24 recommendations and eight provisional recommendations to be reviewed later. The interim report was designed to speed up action before the start of the new football season.

To combat hooliganism he came down firmly in favour of membership cards for supporters in order to exclude visiting supporters from grounds.

Although club membership and the banning of visitors would cause loss of revenue, and prevent casual visitors from going to games, "that in my view is a price which the

public and the club have to pay to try to reduce football violence."

He also recommended: ● The introduction of closed circuit television at league football grounds; ● Perimeter fences, with proper exits, around pitches; ● Creation of new offences to prevent the possession of smoke bombs or similar devices at grounds, of throwing missiles at grounds, and possibly the chanting of obscene or racist slogans;

To improve safety at grounds, he recommended: ● That all exit gates at grounds should be manned at all times while the ground is used by the public and should be capable in a conveyance of being opened immediately from the inside by anyone; ● A ban on the building of new permanent stands of combustible materials;

● A smoking ban in combustible stands as a condition of entry to the ground; ● Fire authorities should identify and visit all sports stadia and restrict the use of stands which in their view constitute a risk to spectators because of the inadequacy of fire precautions. If clubs do not agree voluntarily, additional powers may have to be provided to force them;

Judge Popplewell says: "I recognize that there may be some clubs to whom this will be a death knell. However, in the light of the events at Bradford, I must put the safety of the public above the interests of the clubs."

● Evacuation procedures to be part of police training and form part of the briefing by police officers before a match; ● Stewards at all sports grounds to be trained in fire-fighting and given written in-

structions about emergency action.

● Wherever practicable roads within a quarter of a mile of grounds should be kept free of parked vehicles to ensure access for fire engines.

● A local registration system should be established to ensure a complete record of sports grounds is kept up to date.

● Clubs to review arrangements for entry and the organization of their turnstiles.

In his provisional recommendations Mr Justice Popplewell proposed: ● That the police should be given the unfettered right of search before entry to football grounds.

● That all sports grounds, not only football, should be designated, requiring them to have fire certificates covering indoor as well as outdoor activities.

● Immediate designation of any ground holding more than 5,000 spectators.

● Additional powers of arrest for the police, under the Public Order Act, 1936, to apprehend hooligans at a later date when offences have been filmed on closed circuit television.

He said there was evidence that right-wing groups such as the National Front and the British Movement were involved in troubles at grounds. To some extent grounds were used for recruiting by these activists - a matter he promised to inquire into more deeply for his full report.

The inquiry also recommended that the Home Office should consider the practicality of producing more suitable personal radios for the police. During the Bradford fire some radio messages were hard to hear because of background noise and interruption by other officers using the same channel.

As demolition started, Mr Heginbotham said he hoped people would feel it marked an end "to this stage of mourning". He added: "We hope now people will look forward."

After the jury had left the stadium it was taken to Bradford police station to view a video film of the fire. Mr James Turnbull, the coroner; members of the jury told in an opening address, that the inquiry was "not a trial", but they could make recommendations to minimize and prevent other such tragedies.

The inquiry continues today, Parliament, page 4

## Club chairman pleased by lack of blame

From Peter Davenport  
Bradford

Standing in front of the blacked shell of the gutted grandstand at Valley Parade, Mr Stafford Heginbotham, chairman of Bradford City football club gave his reactions yesterday to the interim report into the fire, prepared by Mr Justice Popplewell.

As he spoke, the jury from the inquiry into the deaths of the 56 people who perished in the fire, which resumed yesterday, was being given a tour of the ground.

The club chairman, who came in for some personal criticism in the immediate aftermath of the fire on May 11 during the final match of last season, said he did not think the

report blamed him or the club for the disaster.

His initial reaction was that the report was "excellent". "Lots of things he has suggested are common sense but it has needed somebody of Justice Popplewell's stature to bring it to everyone's notice."

But many of the recommendations begged the question: where was the money coming from to finance them?

Mr Heginbotham said he did not accept the report as a condemnation of the club's safety procedures and management. "I think he is making the point that what happened at Bradford as being applicable to the other 92 league clubs. He makes the point that had the Green Guide been complied

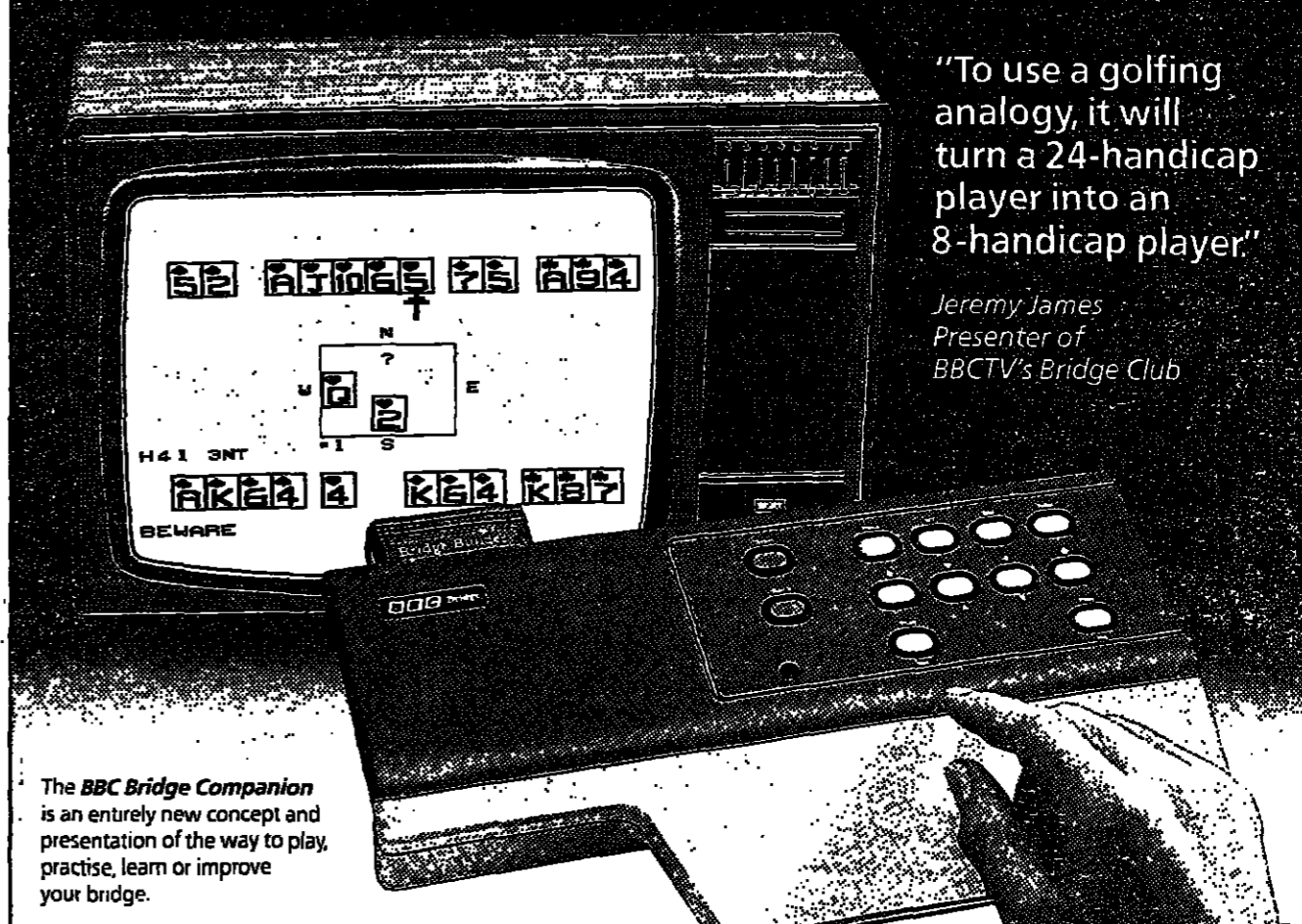
with, this tragedy would not have occurred. Well, that is isolation is true."

He said he regarded the report as "extremely fair". When asked if the football club had taken enough precautions, he replied: "No. With that wonderful honours degree in hindsight, we could have done a lot more, as I am sure every football league club in the country would have done."

The report's purpose was to bring these precautions to the notice of clubs so that such a disaster would not happen again. "And if the price that has to be paid at Bradford prevents other tragedies of this kind, then perhaps it is not as high a price as we initially thought."

Mr Heginbotham said that as

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NUT denies shutting door on pay talks  
By Lucy Hodges  
Education Correspondent  
The leader of the teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, has denied suggestions that she had shut the door on pay talks with the Government.  
But she said she was disappointed that the Government had not made a more realistic offer.  
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Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

The Government has suffered its worst parliamentary humiliation since that explosion of wrath in the historic Saturday debate in the House of Commons after the Falklands invasion. It was not simply the narrowness of the majority in what was strictly a vote on the Lord Chancellor's salary, but was in fact a more general judgement on the top people's pay award.

House reflects public indignation

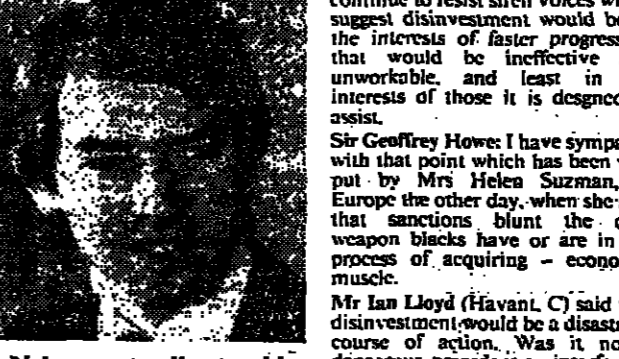
But the critical question now is whether the political consequences of this humiliation will last beyond the summer recess. There are some dramas in the hot-house atmosphere of Westminster which leave the general public essentially unmoved. In this case, however, it was rather the indignation of the outside public that was being reflected at Westminster. So far removed was it from a routine party battle that the only Labour member who spoke was Mr Peter Shore, who presented a reasoned criticism from the front bench.

It is impossible to govern for long effectively in a democratic society without displaying a considerable degree of political skill. Courage, determination and sheer willpower are tremendous qualities. They may be enough for short spells at times when a country is eager for strong leadership. But for most of the time people need to be persuaded. The greatest weakness of this Government has been its failure to mobilize sufficient public consent for its strategy.

Howe rules out sanctions as way to restart dialogue

SOUTH AFRICA

The British Government is seriously concerned at the deterioration of the internal situation in South Africa and especially at the imposition of a state of emergency but has after mature consideration, reached the conclusion that bold actions to restore a dialogue there are not likely to be encouraged by imposition of sanctions on South Africa.



Nelson: not policy to add fuel to any fire

Mr John Carlisle (Luton, North, C) faced with the increasing tide of black violence in South Africa, murder, torture and alleged cannibalism: the South African Government had no choice but to bring in emergency powers to protect innocent black lives. (Labour protest at the Foreign Office)

Minister rejects suicide allegations

SCOTLAND

There was not a shred of evidence to support allegations that suicides were taking place at Glenochil Young Offenders Institution and Detention Centre were attributable to the regimes or the behaviour of staff. Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in a Commons statement on the report published under ID: the working group under ID: the working group into suicide allegations at the institution and centre.

The working group, which was set up to investigate the allegations, found that the regime for young offenders in Scotland was inflexible and rigid and did little to rehabilitate or support young men who in every case were not violent.

Industry not spending enough

TRAINING

The Government would welcome support for its campaign to persuade employers that training pays. This year the Government is investing £100 million through the Manpower Services Commission in improving its training programme.

Critics have their say but Government still win

The Government's majority fell to 17 when Conservative MPs either voted against or abstained from voting early today (Wednesday) on a motion approving the order which increases the salary of Lord Hallam of Manchester by £11,000 to £77,000.

TOP SALARIES

The Government's decision to increase the pay of top civil servants, senior members of the armed forces and the judiciary was strongly criticized during the debate. This follows the report of the Top Salaries Review Body.

Pressure for identity cards

FOOTBALL

Several MPs called in the Commons for swifter action by the football authorities on a scheme for membership cards for supporters. They had heard from Mr Leo Brittan, the Home Secretary, a long statement on the interim report of the inquiry into safety and control at sports grounds under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Popplewell. This was established following the tragic fire at Bradford City football ground and events at Birmingham City on May 11.

Mr Brittan said the view that membership cards had a useful part to play in crowd control had been authoritatively supported by Mr Justice Popplewell. It was therefore now incumbent on the football authorities to consider the different ways of dealing with it and to press ahead urgently with it.

However, Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on sports affairs, said there were serious doubts among football authorities and the police about the principle or practicality of admission only by membership ticket.

On membership cards, the inquiry recommends that urgent consideration be given by football clubs in England and Wales to introducing a membership system so as to exclude visiting fans. Also recommended is that closed circuit television be introduced at league football grounds.

The Government strongly supports the television recommendation and has also already made clear its support for a scheme of membership cards to help exclude troublemakers. A Football League working party is looking at the options and I would urge both the league and the Football Association to take heed of the recommendations of the inquiry by seeking jointly to reach positive conclusions at the earliest practicable date.

It is also proposed that new offences should be created making criminal the possession of smoke bombs in football grounds and the throwing of missiles. This proposal will be carefully considered for possible inclusion in the public order legislation which the Government hopes to bring forward next session. The directorate of telecommunications at the Home Office will also consider, as a matter of urgency, how best to meet the needs expressed about the personal police radios used at Bradford.

Pendry: Football world particularly critical

Mr Justice Popplewell's inquiry into safety and control at sports grounds has been particularly critical of the Football Association's failure to take adequate steps to prevent the recurrence of such disasters.

Mortgage transfers to be only by agreement

LOCAL FINANCE

The Government's proposed legislation to give home owners with a local authority mortgage the right to decide whether or not the local authority might dispose of its interest to a specified purchaser would have retrospective effect as from midnight on August 1.

Invitation to new minister

Britain's invitation to Mr Andrei Gromyko, former Soviet Foreign Minister, has been re-extended to his successor, Mr Edward Shevardnadze. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during Commons questions when he also congratulated Mr Gromyko on his appointment as President.

Secondly, all uncertificated grounds of the third and fourth divisions of the Football League, of the first and second divisions of the Scottish Football League, and of the first and second divisions of the Rugby League have been inspected as a result of the request that I and the Secretary of State made to chief fire officers and firemasters.

In addition accommodation for spectators at the larger cricket grounds, rugby union grounds, motor racing tracks, greyhound tracks, tennis clubs and athletics grounds has been inspected.

Thirdly, the House will of course be aware of the rapid passage through both Houses of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc) Bill. It will be in force by the beginning of the football season.

Fourthly, steps have also been taken to enhance police effectiveness next season. In England and Wales the Association of Chief Police Officers has introduced a new system for exchanging information about the conduct of fans which should assist in anticipating and preventing trouble.

Colleges launch scheme to help exports

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A project which aims to create new export business for Midlands companies by updating the skills of their workers was launched yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

NHS energy waste criticized by MPs

The National Health Service is wasting millions of pounds on heating, lighting and power while savings of £1,335 million that could be achieved during the next 15 years are unlikely to be realized, the Commons public accounts committee said yesterday (our Social Services Correspondent writes).

Detective wins £10,000 against Observer

A senior policeman won £10,000 libel damages in the High Court yesterday over a newspaper article linking him with a £3 million silver bullion robbery, which made him out to be highly corrupt.

Detention centre deaths

Complex has an 'air of suicide'

A team investigating the deaths of seven inmates at the Glenochil young offenders institution and detention centre near Alloa, Clackmannanshire, says that there is "an air of suicide" at the complex.

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BELGRANO REPORT Committee 'split'

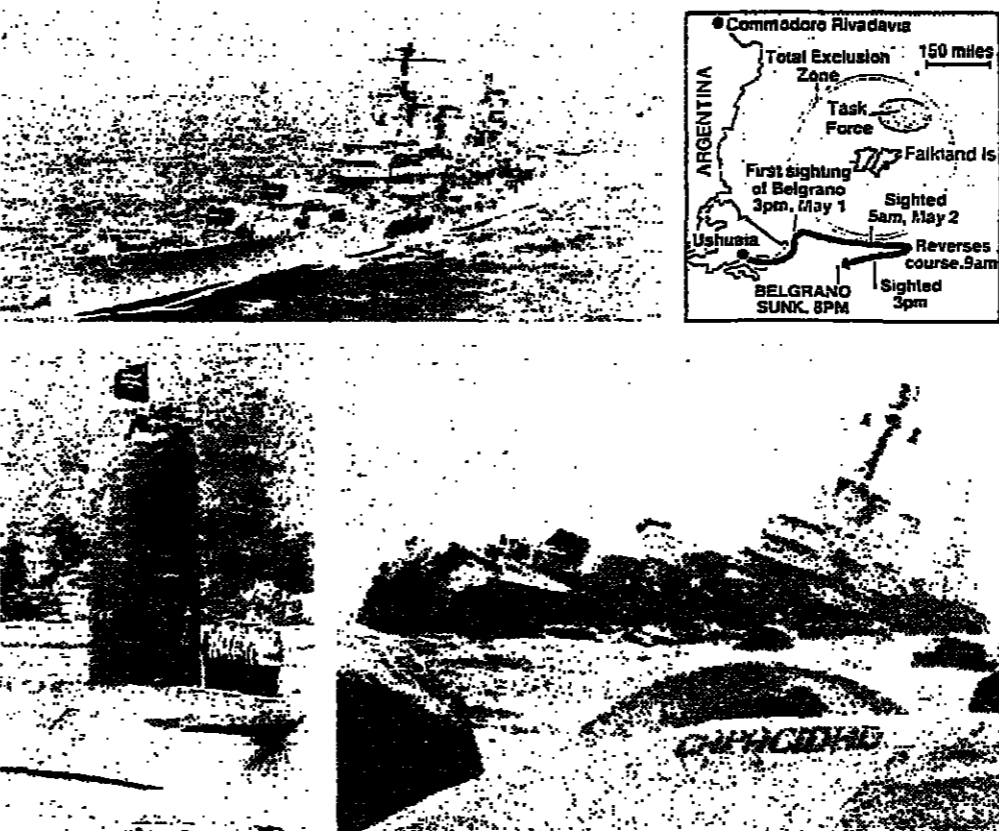
Ministers too cautious Facts suppressed - Labour MPs

MPs find military grounds for sinking of Belgrano

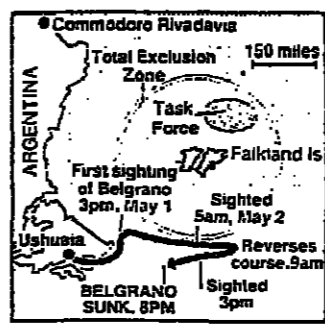
In the report the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs posed a number of principal questions addressed during the inquiry. The answers are summarized below. Was the sinking of the Belgrano militarily justified? Was the cruiser a threat to the British Task Force when she was sunk? The committee said no evidence to cast doubt on British claims that, on May 1 at least, the Argentine fleet had orders to conduct a co-ordinated attack on the Task Force, and that the assessment of the British naval authorities and the War Cabinet that the Belgrano formed part of that planned attack was a reasonable one. There was no evidence at the time of an Argentine decision to withdraw its fleet on the night of May 1-2 (and such evidence as was available to the British Government indicated the reverse) nor is there any evidence now that such a withdrawal would have been intended to achieve anything other than short-term tactical advantage. Accordingly, even if ministers had been notified of the Belgrano's change of course, this information would not have justified a change in the orders given to HMS Conqueror.

The paramount obligation of the War Cabinet was to protect the Task Force, and pre-emptive action was justified if attacks on the Task Force were thought to be imminent: there is therefore no reason to suppose that the decision to authorize the sinking of the Belgrano was not militarily justified. To what extent did the decision to authorize the sinking of the Belgrano reflect and flow from earlier War Cabinet decision to pursue a military solution and abandon "minimum use of force"? The change in Rules of Engagement to permit the sinking of the Belgrano was a military response to a perceived military threat. A shift in emphasis towards overt military action was an inevitable consequence of the arrival of the Task Force in the Falklands area; and the continued willingness of the British Government to negotiate does not support the belief that it had, on or by May 2, 1982, abandoned the search for a peaceful solution. How well advanced were the Peruvian peace proposals at the time the sinking of the Belgrano was authorized? Were they in a form acceptable or potentially acceptable to the Government? The proposals were not in a form acceptable to the Government when delivered on May 2, 1982. The outcome of the subsequent negotiations between May 3 and 4 suggests that they at no stage represented a formula for an agreement acceptable in identical terms to both governments. Did the Peruvian peace proposals stand a chance of acceptance by the Argentine junta on May 2, 1982? The claim that the Argentine junta was on the brink of agreeing to the Peruvian proposals on the evening of May 2 is a highly speculative and selective interpretation of the information available. Although there is conflicting evidence about the acceptability of the proposals to the junta, the balance of opinion appears not to support the proposition that they stood a chance of acceptance on the evening of May 2. Did the British War Cabinet know (in detail or otherwise) of the Peruvian initiative at the time of its decision to authorize the sinking of the Belgrano? Although there is no doubt that the Peruvian Government notified the Argentine Junta of its proposals, Mr Howe was in close contact with Mr Pym on the details of the Peruvian proposals on the morning of May 2, nothing from British sources suggests that that was in fact the case. There is no evidence that the British Ambassador in Lima was informed of the detailed Peruvian proposals until some time after the attack on the Belgrano. There is no reason to disbelieve the evidence of the participants that the War Cabinet was not aware of the Peruvian peace proposals at the time of the decision to authorize an attack on the Belgrano. Were the Peruvian peace proposals sufficiently well advanced on May 2 1982 to justify avoiding any military action which might jeopardize them? The committee is not convinced that the avoidance of military action would have been justified. Should the Argentine junta have been warned by the Government of the charges in the Rules of Engagement on April 30 and May 2 1982? Adequate notice had been served on the Argentine junta, but the purpose of the exclusion zones was unclear and ultimately misleading. Is it true that the sinking of the Belgrano undermined chances of a negotiated settlement and therefore made a purely military solution to the crisis inevitable? Since the British War Cabinet was not aware of the Peruvian peace proposals when it authorized the attack on the Belgrano, it could not have been motivated by a desire to frustrate such proposals. Evidence of Argentine intentions to attack the British Task Force before May 2 casts doubt on the idea that Argentine military activity after May 2 was merely a response to the sinking of the Belgrano and other British military actions. The continued willingness to negotiate of both governments does not support the belief that the British Government had decided to abandon the search

for a peaceful solution or that the Argentine government was compelled to reject a peaceful solution as a result of the attack on the Belgrano. Did ministers mislead Parliament? Ministers have claimed that information was withheld from Parliament because it would not have been in the interests of national security for it to be released. A certain amount of crucial information in the possession of the Government does fall into that category. The dilemma for the Government was that fully to convince critics it would have had to release more information than was wise on security grounds. Ministers therefore preferred to say as little as possible. This was an understandable policy, but not a particularly wise one. In particular, it did not take sufficient account of the extent to which either disaffected or unthinking officials in Britain might let further information slip, or the extent to which information would emerge from Argentine sources. The committee concludes that the desire not to reveal all the information in the possession of the Government was a proper one. Subsequent reluctance to provide information was the result of excessive caution rather than a desire to mislead. It would almost certainly have been preferable if ministers had volunteered a comprehensive statement



Top left: The General Belgrano, which was bought from the US Navy in 1951; top right: The area where she was sunk; above left: The Conqueror returning to base flying the skull and crossbones, denoting a "kill"; above right: The Argentine cruiser after being hit.



'Cover-up over hasty, unjustifiable act'

In a minority report on the sinking of the General Belgrano, Labour members of the select committee accused the Government of attempting to conceal by a "smokescreen" of "hasty and unjustifiable" decision to sink the Argentine cruiser during the Falklands conflict "to ensure the life of an Administration which was itself palpably negligent". The allegation is made by the four Labour MPs on the committee, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Ian Mikardo, Mr Nigel Spearing, and Mr Michael Welsh. Their report was rejected by the committee by six votes to four. The committee chairman, Sir Anthony Kershaw, did not vote. The report says: "We record that the committee experienced obstruction from the Government in the course of its inquiry. Despite the publicity concerning the Government's attempt to obstruct the committee in the matter of the rules of engagement, we must also record further obstruction from the Government in respect of certain Foreign Office documents."

It says the Government's "suppression of information and facts" from the committee, from Parliament, and from the public were in no way justified on grounds of national security. "All these aspects meet in events surrounding the sinking of the Belgrano and reveal what the Government has been attempting to conceal: a hasty and unjustifiable decision to risk many lives and a possible disaster in order to ensure the life of an Administration which was itself palpably negligent. "To do this it needed to strike a public posture inconsistent with its actual conduct. The report says that on no count could the invasion the Falklands by Argentina be properly described as "coming off the blue". It continues: "We believe... it was primarily the Prime Minister and Mr Nott (then Secretary of State for Defence) who made the wrong decision, and that their degree of culpability has not been sufficiently recognized. "The Government appeared to ignore the possibility of using the Argentine aggression as an opportunity to strengthen its bargaining position in the search for a permanent solution. "We believe the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Belgrano can be understood only in this perspective, for the very survival of the Prime Minister may have been at stake. "The report continues: "In our view the possibility of a link between the Peruvian peace initiative and the sinking of the Belgrano is still an open question. The Government's suppression of evidence and giving of false evidence throughout the whole of this affair make it risky to base a firm conclusion on what they have said, and that is one reason why we recommend a further inquiry."

Annual rush to the sun in France

Clean beaches, no jellyfish

The first wave of the big annual summer holiday rush starts in France today with more than 9 million cars expected on the roads over the coming weekend as the July holidaymakers return home and the August holidaymakers depart. The next weekend, August 2-4, is expected to be even worse for those setting out on their holidays, particularly if they are travelling from the north to the south or to the west, but rather easier for those coming back. The worst traffic jams over the next four days are expected to occur on the A6 "sunshine" motorway in the Rhone valley between Beaune and Montpellier, with a high point on Saturday. Drivers planning to take that motorway to the south are advised to delay their departures at least until Sunday. The next weekend, traffic jams are expected on pretty well all the main roads heading to the principle French holiday spots, including Brittany and the Dordogne. As in the past two years, coaches carrying more than 15 children will be banned from French motorways during the peak traffic period, between 3pm on Friday August 2 and 3pm on Saturday August 3. The ban was started after 46 children and seven adults were killed in France's worst road accident on July 31, 1982, when two coaches and three cars crashed on the A6 motorway near Beaune. A striking 23ft-high memorial to those who died and to all other road victims is to be

inaugurated next Wednesday on the third anniversary of the tragedy, on a site beside the motorway six miles from the scene of the accident. The white cement sculpture, which cost 1 million francs (£80,000), is intended as a poignant reminder of the dangers of motorway traffic. With an average of 30 deaths every day, French roads remain among the most murderous in the Western world, with an accident rate twice that of Britain. But road safety measures introduced by the Government have made an enormous improvement, and the number of deaths over the past 12 months fell to under 11,000 for the first time since 1961, despite there being more than twice as much traffic. French motorways are in fact much the safest kinds of roads in the country, with an accident rate five times lower than on other roads. Although many of the most spectacular accidents happen on motorways, they accounted for only 162 deaths last year - less than 2 per cent of the total road fatalities. Fatigue is the main cause of fatal accidents on motorways, followed by soft tyres. Drunken driving accounts for less than 1 per cent of motorway deaths. In the belief that motorists driving too slowly can also be a contributory factor in accidents, the Government has just introduced a minimum speed limit of 50 mph in the fast lane of motorways, which comes into force on August 1. Tourism is one of France's great growth industries, earning the country a surplus of

nearly 28 billion francs (£2.3 billion) last year. The British are the second largest group of foreign tourists in France, after the Germans. Six million Britons are expected this year, as are 8 million Americans, 2.5 million Belgians, 2 million Italians, and half a million Japanese. One of the best bits of news for tourists heading for the Mediterranean coast is that the invasion of stinging Medusa jellyfish, which have afflicted bathers for the past three years, seems to be over. No one is quite sure why they come and go. One popular theory last year was that the turtles which feed off the jellyfish were mistaking floating plastic bags for the jellyfish, and getting them caught in their gut, causing them to die. But Mme Danielle Carr specialist in jellyfish at the Centre National de Recherches Scientifiques, says that is rubbish. Records kept on Medusa jellyfish movements over the past two centuries show that there have always been periodic invasions, followed by periods of virtual disappearance, without any clear reason why, she says. Another good piece of news is that French beaches are cleaner than ever, 80 per cent now satisfying the EEC norms. Black spots, where beaches are so polluted that they are forbidden for bathers, are still to be found however, in certain places around Cherbourg, Crotoy in the Somme, Concarneau in the Finistère, Nice, and Cagnes sur Mer.

Marcos given US pledge on bases

An assurance that the forthcoming review of links between the Philippines and the United States will put their relationship on a better footing was given by the Philippines acting Foreign Minister, Dr Pacifico Castro. A bipartisan commission of the Philippines National Assembly is being set up to examine Philippines-American relations, including the military bases agreement at the centre of renewed controversy. In an interview with The Times, Dr Castro said the review would cover military, trade, economic and cultural links, and its outcome would be a more comprehensive, more stable and stronger relationship with the US based on mutual respect for each other and clearly defined agreements. A dispute over the revised bases agreement signed in 1983 has arisen following the US House of Representatives vote to cut overall aid for 1986 by \$15 million (£11 million) and redirect most of next year's compensation away from military to economic aid, with the aim of compelling President Marcos to introduce social reforms. Mr Stephen Bosworth, US ambassador to the Philippines, in an hour's talk with Mr Marcos said that the United States had "no intention of deliberately violating the provisions of the bases agreement". He further reassured President Marcos that the Reagan Administration is still working to achieve Congressional approval for the original compensation package of \$100 million in military assistance and \$95 million in economic assistance. President Marcos said he had received no message from President Reagan on the bases issue and confirmed that he would deal only on a government-to-government basis.



President Marcos: given pledge by envoy

Washington caution on summit

By Henry Stanhope Diplomatic Correspondent The Soviet Union could not expect any substantial long-term advances in arms control without making concessions on human rights, Mr Richard Burt, Assistant Secretary of State, said yesterday. Although there was no official linkage between the human rights issue and other areas of East-West relations, Congress and the American people would never allow one without the other, he said in a Worldnet interview on closed-circuit television. He also warned people not to expect too much from next week's meeting between the US Secretary of State, Mr Shultz, and Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, or from the scheduled autumn summit between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev. Referring to next week's tenth anniversary celebrations of the Helsinki Final Act agreement on security and human rights, Mr Burt - US Ambassador-designate to West Germany - said the treaty had provided a yardstick by which a country's standards could be judged.

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# Jubilant Gandhi reaches agreement with Sikhs to end crisis in Punjab

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, achieved a remarkable success last night when agreement was reached to end the Punjab crisis which cost his mother her life and caused the deaths of hundreds of Indians.

A settlement to end the three-year Sikh agitation, which brought turmoil and terror to the state and the wider Indian sub-continent, is a triumph for the Prime Minister, currently basking in political good will after successful foreign tours which have boosted both his and India's image abroad.

After only nine months in office the man considered a political novice by many has pulled off a coup that eluded his mother, a much more wily strategist. The agreement was reached in Delhi after two days of talks involving Sant Harb Chand Singh Longowal, president of the Sikh Akali Dal Party, the Cabinet's Punjab committee along with its powerful political affairs committee.

The Prime Minister met Sant Longowal twice during the discussions, held at Mr Gandhi's invitation, and negotiations went on throughout Tuesday night before finally ending yesterday afternoon. During the past few months Mr Gandhi had prepared the ground for final negotiations by conceding many of the Sikhs' demands and the Government must now hope that Sant

Longowal can persuade his followers to accept the package as the best they are likely to achieve.

They will hope that, with an apparent weariness among people in Punjab at the strife and damage caused to the wealthy state's economy, the deal will find general acceptance. Today it is expected that Sant Longowal will return to the state for talks with senior advisers and he, along with the Government, will anxiously await the reaction of more militant elements, including Joginder Singh, leader of the "United" Akali Dal, a more militant faction.

Within 20 minutes of the signing, Mr Gandhi appeared before a crowded session of the Lok Sabha, the lower House of the Indian Parliament and, smiling broadly, announced the agreement.

"This will bring to an end a very difficult period through which the country has gone," he said. "It is the beginning of a new phase of working together to build the country and build unity and integrity. This settlement brings to an end the period of confrontation and ushers in an era of amity, good will and co-operation."

Sant Longowal said afterwards he was very happy about the settlement.

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A victim of yesterday's violence lies in Ahmedabad hospital after he, his wife and son were stabbed repeatedly by rioters who set their house on fire.

# Arrests total 665 in South African anti-dissident drive

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South African police and army patrols rounded up another 224 anti-apartheid activists in the 24 hours ending yesterday morning under the emergency regulations in force since midnight on July 20.

This brings to 665 the total number of arrested persons whose names have been released by police headquarters in Pretoria. It is an offence under the emergency to name detainees without the permission of the police.

In an unusual move, however, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, agreed on Monday, after a meeting with newspaper editors, to issue a daily list of detainees. He also said he would not censor reporting of unrest "at this stage" provided the press showed restraint in its coverage.

Under the emergency, the police enjoy almost unlimited powers to arrest and detain without trial anyone deemed to be a threat to public order.

The police claimed yesterday that there had been a sharp decrease in violent incidents since the emergency began, and there was some independent corroboration of this assessment from one of the main strike-torn regions.

Speaking on the telephone from Uitenhage in the Eastern

Cape, a spokesman for the United Democratic Front (UDF), one of the main extra-parliamentary opposition organizations, told *The Times* that black townships in the area were "fairly quiet" and had been for the past few days.

According to the police, two black men were killed in the Eastern Cape on Tuesday when an anti-riot squad opened fire on a mob stoning a police vehicle. Scattered incidents of violence were also reported by the police from elsewhere in the country.

Since Tuesday night, police bulletins have been notably more evigous in their reporting of unrest and no longer give the names of the townships where incidents occur, but only the police divisions. Claims of a declining level of unrest must, he treated with caution.

Of the latest batch of 224 arrests, 198 are black (African) men, 15 black women, 10 coloured (of mixed race) men and one is not identified. None are well known.

Most of the arrests - 137 - were made in the Eastern Cape. The rest were made in townships around Johannesburg and Vereeniging. All but one of the 36 magisterial districts where the emergency is in force fall within these two regions.

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# Live Aid to link with US agency

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Bob Geldof, organiser of the Live Aid concert, said after meeting Congressional leaders that his group would work with the United States Agency for International Development to help to fight famine in Africa.

Geldof and Mr Peter McPherson, the US aid administrator, made clear on Tuesday that the United States would supply food and Live Aid would help to distribute and transport it in Ethiopia, Sudan and other drought-stricken African nations.

Live Aid and US aid are jointly committed to feeding the world, they said.

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# Bush denies Reagan shunted him aside

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Vice-President George Bush has admitted to a feeling of uncertainty and heavy responsibility when President Reagan went into hospital, but has strongly denied that he was shunted aside during the President's illness.

Giving his first interview since Mr Reagan's operation, Mr Bush told *The New York Times* that he had more time to reflect on the gravity of the situation than after the assassination attempt on Mr Reagan in 1981. His sense of responsibility was heightened by the "more defined" role he played as acting President two weeks ago.

He said the most difficult moment was the period of uncertainty, when it was un-

clear how the operation would go or what would be found.

Mr Bush is a probable contender for the Republican presidential nomination, and stirred some comment by his self-effacing behaviour during Mr Reagan's illness. While winning praise for his tact and loyalty, it is being suggested he failed to make his mark during the critical period and was deliberately kept out of the limelight by the White House chief of staff, Mr Donald Regan.

Mr Bush firmly denied any surrender of authority to Mr Regan. He sensed no tension in relations with him, though he admitted a disagreement over whether he should return from Maine before the operation.

# Police seize Nkomo's guns

From Jan Raath, Harare

The Government of Zimbabwe has initiated a series of measures clamping down on the country's opposition party, Zapu, and its leader Mr Joshua Nkomo.

In two days this week police have confiscated his small armory of legally held weapons in the western city of Bulawayo and marched into the grounds of his home in Harare and seized 11 young men, most of them his guards.

Mr Nkomo now finds himself very vulnerable, he fears he has been "set up" for assassination.

The incidents are the first overt signs that Mr Enos Nkala, the newly appointed Minister of Home Affairs, is carrying out his promise to crack down on Zapu. Mr Nkomo and Mr Nkala share a long-standing and bitter personal enmity.

Minutes after the raid on his Harare home, Mr Nkomo called on the President, the Rev Canaan Banana, and spoke to him for about an hour.

Mr Nkomo would give no

details about the discussions, other than saying he had wanted to speak with the President about events since 1982. The date coincides with Mr Nkomo's dismissal from the Cabinet and the rise of guerrilla unrest in the western provinces of Matabeleland.

On Tuesday afternoon a senior policeman arrived at Mr Nkomo's home in Pelandaba township, Bulawayo, and ordered Mr Nkomo to hand over all his weapons.

A police spokesman later said that the weapons had been taken for ballistic analysis in connection with a series of incidents, the nature of which were not disclosed.

Mr Nkomo said he believed Mr Nkala had instigated the seizure of the weapons, and that he was being "set up" for assassination.

Mr Nkomo said that after he had flown to Harare for his appointment with President Banana, 12 men, consisting of four plain-clothes officers of the Central Intelligence Organization carrying AK47

rifles and pistols and eight unarmed uniformed policemen, demanded entry at the locked wrought-iron gate of his home in the township of Highfield.

Later in the day Mr Emmerson Munangagwa, the Minister of State for Security, said in Parliament that he had been told by officers of his department, the Central Intelligence Organization, that a "bandit" (guerrilla) had been arrested at Mr Nkomo's home.

Mr Nkala is also believed to be behind this incident. The new Minister of Home Affairs, who was once one of Mr Nkomo's closest aides, is the only Ndebele-speaking member of the Politburo of the ruling Zanu(PF) party.

The last two elections have established Mr Nkomo as the undisputed political leader of Matabeleland, and of the estimated 1.5 million Ndebele-speaking people. They have also rejected Mr Nkala, who in his home constituency of Insiza in Matabeleland South lost his deposit to the Zapu candidate.

# Bishop urges Botha to negotiate

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Reverend Keith Sutton, yesterday returned to London from attending a mass funeral in South Africa with an appeal to the South African Government to negotiate with Bishop Desmond Tutu of Johannesburg "before it is too late".

He had represented the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, in addressing the large crowd of mourners and speaking individually to the 14 bereaved families. Bishop Tutu had been able to control the highly emotional crowd "in total peace and discipline", he said.

"The most tragic thing would be if the republic, given the gift of this amazing leader, should discredit him by letting the time run out on him, in the great ministry that he is pursuing", Bishop Sutton said.

Bishop Tutu was holding open a door to the Pretoria Government with courage.

fortitude, patience, and humour, Bishop Sutton said, adding that Western economic sanctions might be justified if they increased the pressure for talks between moderate black leaders and the authorities while time was still available.

His visit was arranged before declaration of a state of emergency in parts of South Africa, as Dr Runcie's response to an appeal by Bishop Tutu for support after death threats to the assistant Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Reverend Simon Nkomo.

Bishop Sutton said yesterday: "The Archbishop of Canterbury asked me to be a sign of personal support to our brother bishops who are working there at this time... My major impression of the trip was Desmond Tutu's magnificent leadership for peaceful solutions to South Africa's crisis."

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# ALAIN PROST LAPS IT UP



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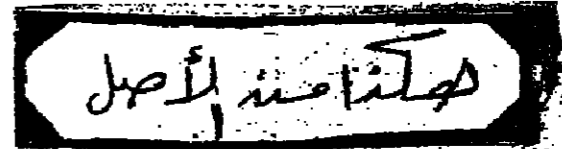
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# Rumours of snap French election fuelled by editor of 'Figaro'

From Diana Geddes, Paris

A front-page editorial in *Le Figaro*, entitled "To Dissolve or not to Dissolve", has brought to a head rumours that President Mitterrand, with his love of the unexpected in politics, will dissolve Parliament while everyone is away on holiday next month, and call a snap general election in September, six months ahead of schedule.

Alain Peyrefitte, former Justice Minister under President Giscard d'Estaing and now editor-in-chief of *Le Figaro*, used his newspaper on Tuesday to issue a warning to the Opposition to "stay awake" because the President "could catch us all off-balance by calling an election in September."

"He has always let it be known that such an idea would be totally alien to him. But, as with devaluations, one does not announce surprises in advance and one categorically denies all rumours", he wrote.

M. Peyrefitte argues that election fever has plunged France into a kind of political limbo. No one was doing anything except think about the forthcoming election. The Government had more and more difficulty in getting its message to the country, he said.

President Mitterrand had no interest in allowing his Socialist Party to indulge in more self-

destructive soul-searching at the party congress in Toulouse in October: or to allow the Communist Party to increase its attacks on the Government during debate on what is expected to be the toughest budget since the war; or to give more time to the Opposition to complete its own programme.

M. Peyrefitte is not the first to suggest a September election. The rumour has been circulating in Paris for months.

There are, however, potent counter-arguments about why M. Mitterrand might rather be tempted to wait until the last moment to call an election.

First, it is not customary in France, as it is in Britain, to call an election at the moment most favourable to the party in power: parliaments under the Fifth Republic have usually been allowed to complete their five-year span, and anyone trying to tamper with that tradition might find himself out of favour with the electorate.

Secondly, though the economy is not in top form, things are gradually getting better. Inflation is continuing to come down; the trade deficit is declining and a current account surplus is likely this year; the standard of living is expected to rise after a two-year fall in real wages; and special government

measures like the youth community work scheme, have held unemployment steady.

Thirdly, the Socialist Party is in considerable disarray. The next election, whenever it comes, will be held under proportional representation. There are severe internal disputes over who should get the best places on the Socialist electoral lists, and over which direction the party should take after the election, indeed, as far as can be made out, the party has not yet drawn up its electoral manifesto.

Lastly, anyone who knows President Mitterrand and remembers how long it took him to come to power cannot believe that he would relinquish even six months of the first Socialist Government of the Fifth Republic. Even he has admitted that the Opposition is likely to win.

On the other hand, his own and the government's popularity continue to slip. Unemployment, certain to be a crucial factor, cannot be held steady for much longer with expected economic growth at only 1 per cent this year and next.

The political scene is astonishingly quiet at the moment, with no controversial issues in sight, but who can tell when new trouble might arrive?



The Lebanese detainees freed from the Atlit prison camp celebrating their first moments of freedom as they wave to relatives and friends north of the buffer zone in south Lebanon

# Israel releases more Shias from Atlit

From David Bernstein Jerusalem

Israel yesterday released 100 of the Lebanese detainees it has been holding at the Atlit camp south of Haifa since last March.

The 100 detainees who were transferred to Atlit along with 1,100 others after the Ansar camp was dismantled as part of the Israeli withdrawal from

Lebanon, were loaded onto three buses at 8am yesterday and driven to the northern end of the buffer zone in south Lebanon.

This was the second group of detainees to be freed this month - 300 other Atlit prisoners were released on July 3.

Another 350 Lebanese detainees are still being held at Atlit, and there has been no

official announcement of when they will be freed.

● RAS-AL-BAYADA. The Lebanese freed from Atlit yesterday returned home to a hero's welcome, but the operation provoked a bitter attack on the United States and Israel by the Shia Muslim leader, Mr Nabih Berri (Reuters reports).

● JERUSALEM: Israel appears to have softened its position on the list of Palesti-

nian delegates submitted to Washington earlier this month to take part in proposed talks with the United States and Jordan (David Bernstein writes).

The Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, reportedly told the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee this week that two of seven names submitted appear to be acceptable to Israel.

# £1m hoard found in Bangkok secret room

Bangkok (Reuters) - An investment fund operator, Chamoy Thipyas, hid gold, jewellery and cash worth about 36 million baht (£1 million) in a secret chamber of her house, police said.

Police told a press conference that they uncovered the treasure during a search of the Bangkok suburban home of Chamoy, who for a decade managed a pyramid fund estimated at between five and eight billion baht.

The Thai Government enacted a special law last November to halt the rapid growth of the popular fund through which Chamoy had paid 78 per cent annual interest to her investors.

Mae (Mother) Chamoy, as she is known to her clients, was arrested on fraud charges last month after the fund collapsed.

Since then more than 14,000 people have filed complaints. Chamoy, aged 44, has said that unidentified associates had swindled all her money and that she could not repay her investors. Eight other people, including her relatives, have been arrested in connection with the case.

Police said the treasure found in her house included nearly 193lb of gold bullion and ornaments, eight boxes of diamonds and jewellery worth 6.6 million baht, 5.7 million baht in cash, and eight title deeds.

# Threat of terrorism worries Kremlin

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The Kremlin is imposing massive security before and during the Moscow Youth Festival for fear of political protests or violence which might be "exploited by the West".

Sources close to the festival organizing committee said potential "incidents" even included threat of "revenge killings" for the deaths of 269 people in September, 1983, when Soviet fighters brought a South Korean airliner.

The festival opens on Saturday with a rally at the giant Lenin Stadium. Television crews filming at the stadium this week found it filled with troops being instructed in crowd control methods.

Observers said the current measures were reminiscent of the Moscow Olympic Games five years ago. If anything, security is tighter than in 1980, with thousands of extra police and troops being drafted in and police cordons turning away out-of-town traffic on the city outskirts. Police are also checking vehicles on the Lenin Hills, near the Lenin Stadium and the Moscow University area.

The organizers say the West is poised to make political capital out of any incidents, and the Russians are determined to project the festival as a trouble-free celebration of support for Soviet peace policies.

Sources said Saturday's rally

would be addressed by Mr Geidar Aliyev, who is paying an increasing role in Soviet propaganda efforts and will eulogize for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

"We are conscious of the growth in world terrorism," one official said, "and we have not forgotten the Heysel football tragedy in Brussels".

British members of the International Federation of Liberal and Radical Students said they intended to protest against both cruise missiles and the Soviet SS20, though this would not please the Russians.

A number of dissidents have been told to leave Moscow during the festival, and Komsomol (Youth League) leaders have been told to ensure that only politically reliable Soviet youngsters meet the visitors. The arrest yesterday on hoodlumism charges of Vladimir Brodsky, an unofficial peace campaigner and Jewish activist, is seen as a warning to other dissidents.

● Dane deported: A Danish peace campaigner has been deported from Moscow where he planned to distribute disarmament leaflets and speak at the festival, a spokesman for his British group said yesterday (Patricia Clough writes). Mr Soren Pflug, aged 26, a former chairman of the Young Danish Conservatives was representing the Anglo-Russian Peace Campaign.

# Swiss seek fan held in Belgium

A British football fan sentenced to one year in a Belgian prison for robbery could soon find himself extradited to Switzerland for questioning by the police there even if his appeal against his sentence, launched yesterday, is successful.

John Michael Ellis, aged 19, unemployed, of Wilbraham Crescent, Liverpool, is being sought by the Swiss police for questioning in connection with the robbery in Locarno on July 19, 1984, of a necklace valued at £86,000.

The public prosecutor in Brussels said yesterday that formal approaches had been made by the Swiss for Mr Ellis to be handed over for questioning. He was sentenced two weeks ago after £12 had been stolen from a hotel stand inside the Heysel stadium on the night of the European Cup final, when 38 spectators died after Liverpool supporters rioted.

Mr Ellis told the court: "I have been in prison for two months now. I am totally innocent. I am disgusted with the way the Belgian authorities have treated me."

A final ruling on the appeal is expected on August 1.

# Wine police consider old poisonings

Vienna (Reuters) - Police are considering re-opening two cases of poisoning, one of them fatal, after the discovery in Austrian wine of a lethal chemical used in car anti-freeze, a spokesman for Interpol said.

Investigations into the unsolved cases in West Germany in 1981 were closed, but the spokesman, Herr Karl Danich, said they could be re-opened in view of the discovery in Austrian wine of the chemical diethylene-glycol.

Officials from Interpol joined others from the Interior and Justice ministries for crisis talks yesterday on ways to deal with the scandal which has brought calls from farmers for the resignation of the Agriculture Minister, Herr Guenter Haiden.

Millions of gallons of Austrian wine have been seized in West Germany, after health officers there found it had been contaminated. Doctored wine has also shown up in Switzerland, The Netherlands, France, Britain, Poland, Greece, Belgium, North America and Hong Kong.

● DUSSELDORF: Traces of weak disinfectant have been found in Italian bubbly "spumanti" wine sold in West Germany. (AFP reports).

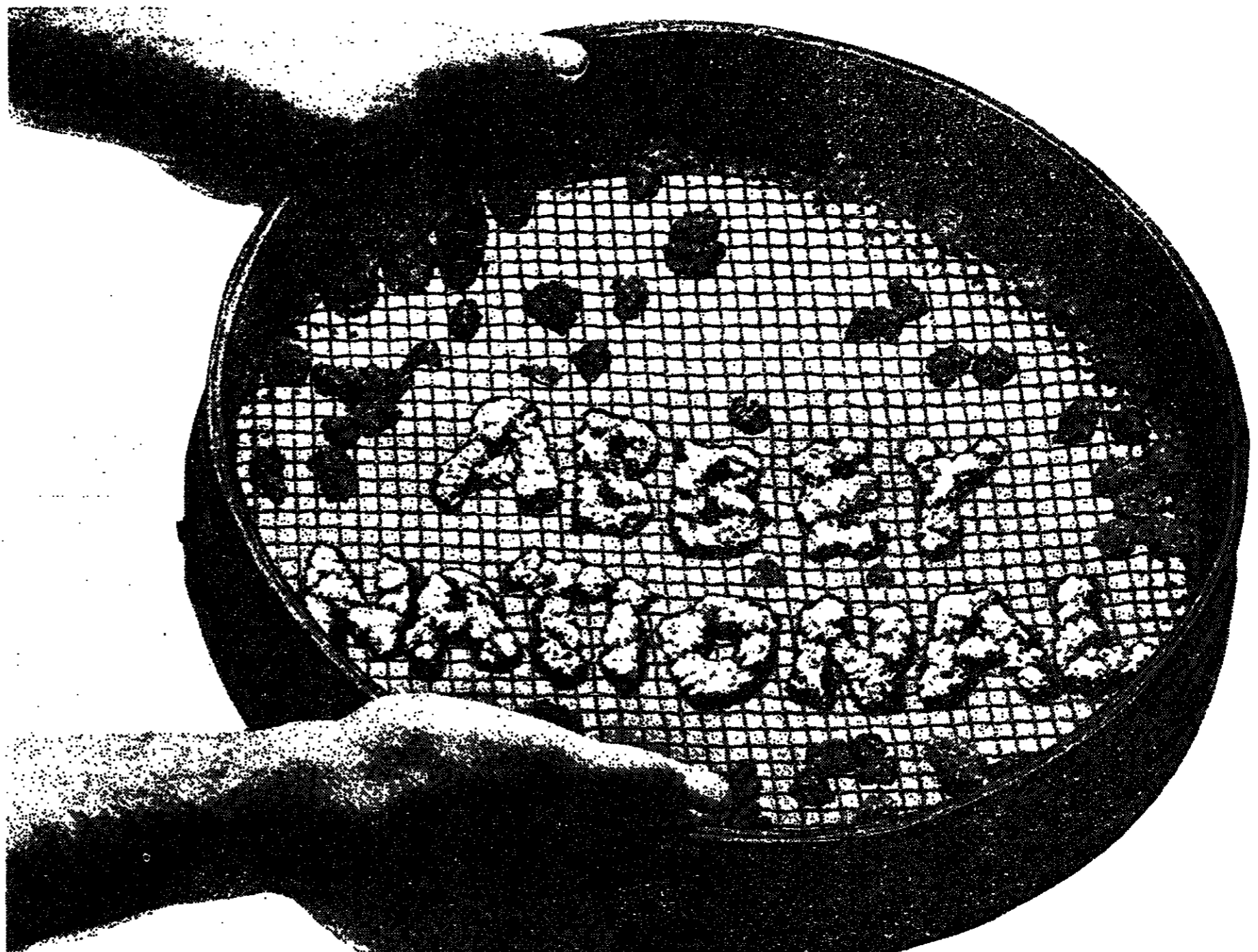
# Author tells of torture in Turkish prison

Oslo - The Norwegian writer Alexander Bertelsen claimed today that he had suffered severe torture in a Turkish prison, while serving a sentence for having damaged Turkey's reputation abroad (Knut Falchenberg writes).

The official charges were that a book he co-edited in Oslo in 1979 violated Turkish criminal law. In the document presented to a military court in Ankara in March, long passages from his book about the Kurdish minority in Turkey were quoted.

After sustained pressure from the Norwegian Government and human rights groups, Mr Bertelsen, to his own surprise, was released on Tuesday and arrived home yesterday.

He traveled on a Norwegian passport when he was arrested in February, 1984, in Turkey and held in the Mamak prison in Ankara. In March this year a military court in Ankara sentenced him to five years in prison and 20 months internal exile.



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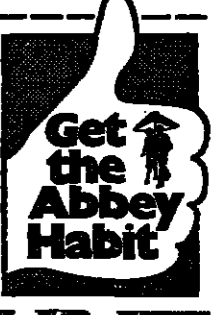
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# Saddam seeks more arms from Russia as Iran launches new offensive

From Robert Fisk, Baghdad

Scarcely has the Iraqi regime of President Saddam Hussein concluded its anniversary celebrations to mark the country's 1968 revolution than the Iraqis have launched a serious offensive against the Iraqi Army in Kurdistan, at the same time infiltrating up to a mile through the marshes of southern Iraq towards the Baghdad-Basra highway.

The extent of the fighting, and the grave repercussions it is likely to have, both in military and economic terms, have been kept from the Iraqi people. But President Saddam has just held his fourth meeting in only two weeks with the Soviet Ambassador in Baghdad, in an apparent attempt to secure further Russian arms supplies. Some embassies in the Iraqi capital believe he may be asking Moscow for SS12 missiles which could be used to bombard Tehran although the Russians are believed to be unwilling to supply such weapons to Iraq.

Long convoys of Iraqi troops and armour have meanwhile been travelling north on the highways to Kirkuk and Mosul since the new Iranian offensive. Reports from the area say that the Iraqis, backed by pro-Iranian Kurdish guerrillas, have broken out of some of the

mountain passes along the frontier and have already occupied some Iraqi border villages. Using mule trains to bring up their ammunition, the Iraqis have put to flight the Iraqi occupants of many villages in the region.

North of Basra, further fighting is now going on in the marshes where the Iraqis won a decisive victory over the Iraqis earlier this year. Instead of mounting an orthodox offensive, using "human waves" of "Baqec" volunteers, the Iraqis have adopted a new tactic of infiltrating small, boggy areas of the marshes with Revolutionary Guards and then shoring up their flanks with reinforcements and thus moving westwards.

Western correspondents visiting Iraq at the invitation of the Iraqi Government have been unable to visit the front lines for the past week - an almost unprecedented phenomenon, since the Iraqis are usually only too happy to demonstrate to foreigners their ability to defend their country.

In the meantime, new American-built helicopters in camouflage paint have been observed outside Baghdad in what Arab diplomats interpret as indirect US assistance to Iraq's war effort. The machines, believed

to be the first part of a consignment of 48 Bell 214ST troop-carrying helicopters to come from America, have already been fitted with rocket launchers.

Capable of carrying 14 soldiers and flying up to 450 miles, the helicopters would be ideal for defensive use in the Kurdistan region. America has declared itself totally neutral in the Gulf war but the helicopter deal, according to sources in Baghdad, apparently did not need US government approval, since the machines were not classified as military.

The latest Iraqi war communiqués in the Baghdad press give some clue to the country's present predicament. Instead of headlining Iraqi victories over the Iraqis, for example, the Baghdad Observer yesterday regarded its readers in a lead story with the intricacies of the PLO's joint accord with Jordan. A short report elsewhere in the paper spoke of Iraqi helicopter gunships flying 44 missions against the Iraqis, "destroying three gunboats and a number of troop concentrations."

It looks, therefore, as if the Iraqis are now facing another determined Iranian offensive along their border.



Mr Kinnock meeting President Julius Nyerere at the Tanzanian leader's residence in Dar es Salaam before setting off to see rural life in southern Tanzania

## Kinnock takes a look at village life in Africa

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

For the first time on his African trip, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, yesterday took time off from the round of meetings with African leaders and headed into southern Tanzania to see something of rural African life.

Mr and Mrs Kinnock flew from Dar es Salaam to Mbeya, a prosperous farming area in southern Tanzania, and then toured one of the thousands of *vijamaa* villages which are the

basis of Tanzania's socialist system.

The *vijamaa* idea is that people can progress faster if they live in collective villages, where education, medical and other facilities can be provided, rather than in scattered individual homesteads spread over a wide area.

Mr and Mrs Kinnock were also visiting a hospital which has received aid from Britain, and a road project.

## Britain gave £95m relief from contingency fund

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain gave £95 million worth of famine relief last year without reducing other aid programmes to pay for it. Mr Timothy Raison, Minister for Overseas Development, said yesterday.

Money came from the Overseas Development Administration's contingency fund, he said in presenting the department's annual report.

It shows Britain's total aid programme as 0.33 per cent of

national income, a figure below the 0.36 per cent average for most Western governments.

Bilateral and multilateral aid programmes for 1984 amounted to £1,311 million which was dispersed among 124 countries. India as given most aid, with Commonwealth states and poorest countries in general being given preference.

Mr Raison says that long-term development will remain the main objective.

# Ankara murder of Jordan diplomat

Ankara - Mr Ziyad al-Sati, First Secretary of the Jordanian Embassy, was murdered here yesterday at the wheel of his car, apparently by a member of a radical Palestinian guerrilla group.

Mr Sati, aged 43, was ambushed by a lone terrorist at an intersection and shot four times in the head. He died instantly.

## Briton accused over computers

Washington (AFP) - A Nevada businessman and a Briton were charged with the illegal export of sophisticated computer technology to East Germany, the Commerce Department said here.

They named the accused, who were indicted in Reno, Nevada, as Daniel O'Hara, and his British associate, John Pridemore-Smith. Mr O'Hara is charged with sending the systems to Mr Pridemore-Smith in Britain who allegedly rerouted them to the East.

## Poet honoured

Madrid - The town of Delia in Majorca paid homage yesterday to its most famous citizen and adopted son, the poet Robert Graves (above) on his 90th birthday. His poems were read at a special ceremony and Spanish television showed a documentary of his life.

## Chemists win

Brussels - Pharmacists have at last won the right to ignore national frontiers and set up business anywhere in the EEC except Greece after 17 years of negotiation.

## Kuwait victim

Kuwait (AFP) - The death toll from the bombings of two seaside cafes in Kuwait, claimed by Muslim militants, has risen to nine with the death of a 40-year-old Kuwaiti man from his injuries. Eight people were killed and 89 injured when the bombs went off on July 11.

## Gnomes charter

Amsterdam (AP) - Under new legislation proposed here it will no longer be necessary to obtain a municipal permit to adorn private gardens with brightly coloured gnomes. The present law has been largely ignored.

## EEC starts technology training plan

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The European Commission yesterday launched its own Comett to blaze a trail for technology teaching in Europe. The aim is to help universities and industries link up to provide the kind of training needed for the people who will have to make the EEC competitive in a new technological age.

The Commission is to provide Comett (The Action Programme for the Community in Education and Training for Technology) with a £48 million budget between 1985 and 1988. About £30 million of this would be spent on individual grants to students, teachers, trade unionists and industrialists for exchanges and specially tailored training schemes.

Mr Peter Sutherland, the Commissioner for the scheme, has given Comett three objectives. The first is to promote a European industry by stimulating the placement of students in firms in other member states.

Secondly, it is meant to help create economies of scale through jointly organized training programmes. Finally, it is to stimulate the exchange of experience in the field of university and industry co-operation.

In all the scheme is designed to last for a total of seven years from 1986.

## Peace goals produce divisions

# Blueprint for women tests UN group unity

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

A blueprint for improving the status and role of women throughout the world is taking shape here as several thousand delegates, observers and officials plough through millions of words of declarations, resolutions and amendments at the conference marking the end of the UN Decade for Women.

Since the conference opened last week, delegates and observers from some 150 countries, plus many international organizations and a wide range of women's pressure groups, have been working in committees, working groups and in plenary session.

There is no dispute on the basic need to consolidate the achievements of the women's decade, which began in Mexico in 1975. But there are deep differences on how individual goals should be reached.

Lengthy discussion and argument is taking place on the wording of many sections of the final document to be adopted when the conference ends tomorrow.

The document will set out a strategy and a series of targets for governments and non-government organizations in the remaining years of the century. Employment, health, education, food, water, agriculture, communications, housing and the environment are all covered. So are refugees, disabled, one-parent families, and social systems which tend to encourage evils such as prostitution.

The most contentious issues are those relating to peace, which have produced sharp declarations on mainly political points should be made in other fora.

Arab states have mounted a concerted campaign against Israel, and they led a noisy walk-out when the Israel delegate rose to speak in the plenary session.

Britain and other European Community states have their hands tied, to some extent, because they may not oppose policies which are laid down by community legislation. This covers opportunity, equality in social security, and basic human rights - as evidenced by Britain's recent introduction of new immigration rules for spouses.

Mr Peter Sutherland, the Irishman who is European Commissioner for Social Affairs, says this is the first time this co-ordination within the Community has been demonstrated at such a conference.

Baroness Young, who led the British delegation for the first few days of conference, led Dame Anne Warburton, Lady Young says she wants the conference to produce sensible measures to help women, not political declarations.

But the British delegation is being criticized as unrepresentative by some of the women's groups now here. They say not properly consulted by their Government on its stand for the conference.

"The composition of the delegation cannot be described as representative of the women of Britain either in age, occupation, income level race, or any other social category," said Mrs Georgina Ashworth, director of the women's group, Change.

She is pressing the British Government to organize a meeting between the official delegates and representatives of women's groups once the conference is over - and the implication is that the women's groups of Britain will challenge what they consider to be a lack of commitment by their Government to some of the basic issues of women's equality.

# SUPPORT FOR THE IRANIAN RESISTANCE

Well over 2,000 parliamentarians, ministers, ranking officials, and political personalities in Britain and 15 other European and American countries as well as international organisations, while honouring the "Day of Martyrs and Political Prisoners in Iran", have condemned the Khomeini regime's suppressive and warlike policies. They have also reiterated their support for the just Resistance of the Iranian people for the establishment of a democratic government committed to peace and freedom, and have backed the efforts of the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran, the National Council of Resistance and Mr MASSOUD RAJAVI in promoting the cause of peace and freedom.

## SOLIDARITY WITH IRANIAN RESISTANCE

June 20th marks "the commemoration day of martyrs and political prisoners" in Iran. It is the day on which in 1981, Khomeini ordered his guards to open fire on Mojahedin's 500,000-strong peaceful demonstration in Tehran.

Since this date, on the one hand by resorting to unprecedented repression and terror, the result of which has been 40,000 executions and 120,000 political prisoners, and on the other hand by continuing and attempting to escalate the Iran-Iraq conflict, which has so far claimed half a million casualties from the Iranians plus three million refugees and tens of billions of dollar material damage, the Khomeini regime has tried to prevent the rise of the resistance, and to cover up the social and economical deadlocks it has been faced with.

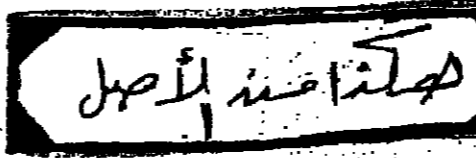
Despite all the crimes committed by the Khomeini regime, the Iranian resistance has risen and entered a new phase today. The public demonstrations and open protests of the Iranian people against war and repression, and for peace and liberty in Iran, which were organised throughout Iran in the period starting from April 21st and ending on May 21st, in response to a call by Mr MASSOUD RAJAVI, the Chairman of the National Council of Resistance, proves this fact amply.

For this reason, in view of our beliefs in freedom and the rights of human beings, we once more declare our solidarity with those Iranians who by showing courage and devotion do not yield to Khomeini's unleashed repression and war-mongering, but further their protests and resistance until a democratic rule committed to peace and liberty will be established. We also stress on the necessity for all-out support of their legitimate resistance against Khomeini's terrorism.

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Ankara murder of Jordan diplomat

Mr. Zaid al-Kharrat, first secretary of the Jordanian embassy in Ankara, was murdered last night at the residence of his family.

Briton accused over computers

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Poet honoured

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Chemists win

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Kuwait victim

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Prisoners charter

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For women group unity

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Couple plead not guilty to murder in Greenpeace bombing case

From W. P. Reeves, Wellington

A foreign couple who had come under police notice within a day of the bombing of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior, at Auckland last week, appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of a photographer who lost his life in the explosion.

Alain Jacques Turenge, manager and Sophie Frederique Turenge, aged 36, professor of sociology, were remanded without bail until August 14. Both were described on the charge sheet as Swiss.

Neither addressed the court during the brief hearing. Mr. Gerard Curry, defence counsel, said the two would be pleading not guilty to the murder charge and to charges of conspiracy with others to commit arson and of damaging the Rainbow Warrior.

The Turenages are believed to have returned a camper van to an Auckland motor agency soon after the sabotage. They were subsequently arrested on passport irregularities and had been held in Mount Eden jail until the new charges were laid on Tuesday.

The Auckland district courtroom was packed with police, press and onlookers and there was tight security. The prosecution sought a delay until December to allow the collection of evidence, but Judge R. J. Gilbert ruled after an adjournment that the accused appear again in three weeks.

Mr. Michael Parker, prosecuting, told the court the case was of a magnitude which went beyond almost anything to come before a New Zealand court. The country's biggest police investigation had reached across the world and evidence was still being gathered in several countries.

An preliminary hearing would last at least a month, the evidence already to hand. Opposing a lengthy remand, Mr. Curry said the defendants were visitors to New Zealand, and they wanted to be cleared of the charges. They wished the case brought forward to determine the evidence against them and to continue to proclaim their innocence.

A decision on lifting the vessel is expected to be made on Monday.

Experts try to beat air terror

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Getting on to and off aircraft is likely to become a more laborious process for passengers as a result of a conference on air terrorism, which opened here yesterday and will last for two days, by officials of the seven Western industrial summit nations.

Although no statement or press conference will be given at the end of the conference, the consensus seems to be that, although electronic baggage surveillance can be improved, there is no substitute for random, extensive searches by hand of individual passenger's baggage.

The conference meets biennially, but has attracted more attention this time because it comes so soon after the TWA hijacking at Beirut. It deals with detailed, technical matters at official level, with no ministers present. The conference therefore would not be empowered to go into the more "strategic" issues, such as bans on specific airports, and the latitude which governments should allow television in reporting hijacking. It is assumed, however, that the conference will discuss the advisability of having armed marshals on civil flights.

Britain is represented by a team of four, drawn from the Foreign Office and the Department of Transport, and by Mr. Robin O'Neill, the Foreign Office Under-Secretary whose responsibilities include maritime and aviation issues. The other nations represented are the US, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada.

NEW YORK: The US Justice Department has issued summonses to three leading television networks for all their coverage of last month's TWA hijacking in Beirut, in an effort to identify the hijackers (Reuter reports).

Spokesmen for the ABC, CBS and NBC networks confirmed receiving the subpoenas, which they said were aimed at gathering material for a federal grand jury in Washington to indict the hijackers.

Spanish officers jailed

Madrid - A court martial in Zaragoza has sentenced two Spanish Army officers on charges of disobedience for carrying out a mock execution of two civilians (Harry Debelius writes).

Captain Carlos Aleman Artiles was sentenced to five months' arrest, and his subordinate, Lieutenant Jaime Irujo, to four months' arrest. Lieutenant Iniguez Andrade led a patrol which rounded up 40 residents of the Pyrenean

There are few exceptions to the rule that a good travel-writer never makes as good a novelist. One such is Bruce Chatwin. Another is Colin Thubron. "It is hard to think of a better travel book written this century," was Nikolai Tolstoy's reaction to Thubron's *Among the Russians*. Thubron followed this account of his 10,000-mile drive through the Soviet Union with a work of fiction set in a Welsh lunatic asylum. In March *A Cruel Madness* (recently published by Penguin at £2.50) received the Silver PEN award for the outstanding book written in English during 1984.

Thubron is a youthful 46 whose features have been fashioned thin by travels - usually on foot - from the biblical burial grounds of Damascus to the mountainous Berber tribes of the Atlas Mountains. He is a romantic, one who combines a scholar's mind with a poet's pen, as befits a descendant of the first laureate, Dryden. As befits a romantic, he travels alone.

"Being alone is vital", he says. He sits in his bachelor flat, tucked, with its garden, down some steps behind a row of Holland Park houses. At his back, over his shoulder, squints a stuffed eagle owl through orange glass eyes. "To travel with just one other person means you create a bubble of Englishness from which you peer and say 'Isn't that funny, isn't that odd'. If you are alone it is you who are odd and susceptible to whatever forces are about. As Robert Louis Stevenson said, there are no foreign lands, there is only the traveller himself who is foreign."

The ketch subsequently left Norfolk Island bound ostensibly for its home port of Noumea, where its charter expires on Friday. The *Ouvea* has twice given its position by radio since then but authorities believe the last position given on Sunday could have been false. An air search has been carried out by the Noumea yacht Charter Company without any sighting.

Mr. Roger Chatelein, the company's manager was reported yesterday as saying he does not expect to see his \$100,000 yacht again, believing the crew to be many miles away from their given position aiming at trying to disappear.

Superintendent Allan Gairbairn, heading the police inquiry, said last night he was still interested in those on board but pursuing them around the Pacific did not seem a viable proposition at the moment.

Meanwhile, an arrangement has been worked out among police, harbour and government authorities and Greenpeace representatives on the refloating of the Rainbow Warrior, still lying half submerged on a muddy bottom below its Auckland berth.

A decision on lifting the vessel is expected to be made on Monday.

Richard Williams introduces the nine-week festival of Cuban music at Ronnie Scott's

Reassessment time

Trying to identify the origins of the nine-week festival of music from Cuba that began at his club on Tuesday night, Ronnie Scott reminisced about a night in New York in the late 1940s, when, as a young dance-band musician "working the boats", he spent an evening on 52nd Street - the legendary "Swing Street" - shuttling between a joint called the Three Deuces, where Charlie Parker was showing off his young trumpet, a chap called Miles Davis, and the Downbeat Club, where Dizzy Gillespie's big band was in residence. Sitting amid the cluttered office at the back of his own club, which is now entering its twenty-seventh year, Scott rolled his eyes with remembered astonishment.

The Gillespie band, too volatile and uncompromising to last longer than the time it took to burn itself out, jazz history featured a massive and trend-setting transfusion of Afro-Cuban rhythms, establishing the clear expression of what Jelly Roll Morton had mistily referred to as "the Spanish tinge".

In 1955, still on the transatlantic liners, Scott made it all the way to Havana itself - "a wide-open town in those days, rather like I imagine Tijuana in Mexico to be". Thirty years later he returned with his quintet as the guest performers at Havana's annual festival of popular music. "Their musicians and bands are sensational", he laughed. "They needed as like a hole in the head. But it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their revolution, and also the twenty-fifth anniversary of our club. That seemed to tickle them."

Several fine Cuban musicians have made their way to the United States in recent years, notably the percussionist Daniel Ponce (who was in London a couple of weeks ago) and the alto saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera. Many remained, however, benefitting from the high standard of music teaching and from the recent easing of travel restrictions.

Arturo Sandoval: high-octane style

Gillespie is Sandoval's hero, but the ripping-calico tone and blowtorch phrasing are his own. It is a high-octane, all-action style, stitching strings of notes like the spray from an automatic weapon before cutting to a full-bodied legato that glides with the grace of a dancer sweeping his partner into the air.

A ballad called "Remember Luis", lightly dusted with synthesized strings, established his ability to deliver a serious kind of beauty. At the other end of the emotional spectrum he took to the piano for a duet with his bassist, Jorge Reyes, in which they played hilarious cat-and-mouse games with a compendium of jazz clichés. By the end of the set, the club was in a joyful uproar and Scott, who had earlier been fussing like a mother hen, was displaying the beginnings of a smile that may last out the summer.

Television

Watching the Swiss conductor Ansermet conduct Ravel's *La Valse*, a colleague said "I cannot imagine anything more perfect". Largely by dint of some sepia footage Channel 4's pleasant eulogy of Ernest Ansermet (who died in 1969) managed to convey the magic of the man.

Fall Tiger, BBC's new drama serial, got off to a heady start. Top mountaineer Joe Barrow returns from the Himalayas to a hero's welcome, altitude sickness and a wife who is so intent on her job (and her handsome, silent boss) that she has not noticed his absence. A full plot holds no fear for the writer, Christopher Green. Within an hour he had established the year-jerking, cut-throat and in some cases - notably Joe's female doctor - nubile shape of things to come. There were two bottles of champagne, a Rolls-Royce, an accident, a hospital ward, a crooked business and the enduring struggle of man against the elements.

David Hayman was convincing as the glum and windswept Joe, Alyson Spiro less so as his tough, modern wife. She is better at pretending to sell computer software than pretending to absorb tragedy.

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE ARTS

Colin Thubron (right), travel-writer extraordinary and award-winning novelist too: interview by Nicholas Shakespeare

The vital importance of going solo

He made his name in the Middle East with books on Damascus, the oldest city in the world, on Lebanon, where he fotlogged in search of the goddess of love, Astarte, and Cyprus. "I wanted to travel to the Middle East for quite naive, childish reasons, reasons that grew out of my fascination for arenas of history. My idea of the distant glamour of the Arab world - the impulse that made me go - was fatuous. When I got there I became fascinated with the reality, with the people who live there now. These early books suffer from a certain lack of self-confidence and a sense that Thubron's own experiences are not as valid as those of a country's heroes or its past. Their ornamented, often over-exotic prose nevertheless caught the shrewd eye of Cyril Connolly ("everything he writes is likely to prove interesting") as well as Dervla Murphy, who earmarked Mr Thubron (as she insisted in calling

him in her review of *The Hills of Idemias*) as the successor to Freya Stark. The break of going to Russia was total. Instead of being comprehensive about a tiny land or city whose importance lay in the past, he decided to confront an enormous country and rely on his own encounters. His journey was prompted not by distant glamour but fear. "Various countries have a colour, a face and a smell. I couldn't put a face to Russia. I wanted to humanize this bogeyman." In a mud-spattered Marina he travelled from the Baltic to the Caucasus, keeping a copious diary. His major fear turned out to be his confusion. At the Hungarian border, as his car was dismantled, a stony immigration officer ordered him to read the illegible script aloud. "No one looked over my shoulder. I could have been reading *Hamlet*. For half an hour I



read until eventually a fissure appeared on the official's face. "This is very poetic", he smiled. "You could publish it." I could have kissed his boots. Thubron wrote three travel books before publishing fiction. "The mechanics of writing about something you have actually experienced is completely different. In a travel book you devote your energies to expressing that which already exists, to remembering the quality of a city, the texture of a wall. In a novel there are no parameters. You create the wall. The same curiosity that is projected outwards in travelling is turned inwards in fiction. The one is a great delight at what is over the horizon, the other is an excavation of one's own inner guts. A romantic lie is as much at the heart of his fiction as his earlier work. He describes his need to write novels as a need to investigate certain areas

of distress inside himself. This distress is caused by the failed ideals of love and God. The son of a military man, he has been profoundly religious at Eton. His Christianity evaporated with the death of someone close to him and his balking at the concept of damnation. His novels return to these same themes and the feeling of betrayal to loves that are not complete, to gods that are not constant. *Empire* is concerned with the Christian's conversion to Christianity; *The God in the Mountain* with the struggle between a mining company and a village shrine. The force behind *A Cruel Madness*, the most ambitious of the three, is unrequited love. In it Thubron finds a leaner style and a voice of his own. A schoolmaster tells how, working at a mental home, he meets a girl he once loved. As he remembers their romance with agonized clarity, it becomes clear that he is the inmate, and the girl just a memory. "John Murray lent me a cottage in Wales. I didn't know what I was going to write about. Then I saw the asylum in Abergevy and wrote for two months in a white heat with a pair of sheep looking through the window."

Having gutted himself, Thubron is once more on the travel path. He has been learning Mandarin for a week along China's Great Wall - "another childhood silliness". He is his modest articulate self about the venture. "I'm a writer who travels rather than a traveller who writes. I'm a little ashamed to say. But I wouldn't be a novelist if it was the other way round."

Dance

Romeo and Juliet Coliseum

Looking at the London premiere of Ashton's *Romeo and Juliet*, given by Festival Ballet on Tuesday, it seems incredible that in 1955, when he created it for the Royal Danish Ballet and they brought it to the Edinburgh Festival, no impresario had the gumption to bring so beautiful a work to London.

The small additions which Ashton has made to the choreography for this revival, although attractive, are not enough to account for any difference in effect. There are, however, two important changes, one in the ballet and one in its spectators. The first is that Peter Rice, the designer, has vastly improved the look of the ballet by his second thoughts.

As before, he provides extremely simple, stylized settings of platforms, steps and archways, but now they are sparer, more abstract, more elegant. Also, since such simplicity needs to be shown to full advantage, it was sensible to bring in Jennifer Tipton, who lights ballets better than anyone else in the world, to work her magic on it.

So Ashton's choreography is shown to best effect by its physical surroundings; but in addition audiences today have a clearer eye for dance. Thirty years back, the trend was towards more sumptuous and grandiose productions, and so the crowd scenes in Ashton's staging looked thin. Now, sat by "overblown" versions of *Romeo and Juliet*, it is easier to understand the value of Ashton's concentration on essentials.

His *Romeo and Juliet* has more dancing than any other version, but to my mind it also has more drama, because the eye is kept all the time on the love story. What a change, for instance, to see no piles of corpses in the opening scene, just a brawl which is quite enough to explain the Prince's anger.

Working with a small cast (no inessential characters, no supernumeraries padding out the scene), Ashton starts by intro-



Sweet and true: Katherine Healy with Peter Schaufuss

ducing *Romeo*, Tybalt, Mercutio and Benvolio in sequences that establish the characters. He moves quickly to the point of each episode; when Lady Capulet tells her daughter of her intended marriage, she does so at an earlier point in the music than usual, so there is time for the message to sink in with some beautifully observed thoughts that keep drawing Juliet back to her mirror.

Similarly, the Capulets' ball starts sooner than one has grown to expect, at a point when the guests are usually only assembling. That means we get dancing where there are generally processions; it also places the dance for *Romeo* and his two friends more sensibly as the interlopers "visiting card" at the ball itself (singing for their supper, as it were) instead of just an irrelevant dance. This dance, together with

another for that trio in Act II (one of Ashton's additions), and some brilliant solos for Mercutio, provide plenty of bravura excitement, but the great strength of the ballet is the quality of the duets, varied in mood but always tender, ardent, with a motif of delicate hand movements adding to the poetic effect.

In short, this *Romeo* is one to rejoice in and Festival Ballet go all out to do it justice. Three Danish performers who were in the original production lent their authority to mimed roles at the premiere: Kirsten Ralov is much the nicest, most motherly Lady Capulet I have seen in any version; Niels Bjorn Larsen and Frank Schaufuss were Capulet and the Prince. Good playing, too, from David Scott as a thoughtful Friar Laurence and young Matthew Hart lived up well to the

deliciously comic entry Ashton has made for the nurse's page. Raffaele Paganini made a robust, swaggering Mercutio. Maz Skoore is lively, likeable. Benvolio and Nicholas Johnson a broody Tybalt. Patrick Armand presents a Paris so handsome and courteous that one sees why he was thought a good match for a cherished daughter.

As that daughter, Katherine Healy reveals innocence, eagerness, suddenly awakened emotion in a portrait that shows a gradual maturing towards the first heart-breaking moments. It is not yet a very deep reading, but it rings sweet and true and will mature rewardingly. Peter Schaufuss's *Romeo*, danced and acted with clarity and conviction in every detail, is one of the best things he has ever done, a labour of love.

John Percival

Promenade Concert

Hall/Skrowaczewski

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Some memories die hard. If the Hall Orchestra's well-prepared Prom performance seemed emotionally a little cool, it was possibly because one of the long-lingering folk memories in British music-making is of "Hallé night" at the Proms under Barbirolli's baton. Compared with those supercharged occasions almost anything could sound cool.

In any case the Hallé's new broom, the Polish-born conductor Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, sweeps with lighter, neater strokes altogether - and the Manchester orchestra's string sound is also currently, perhaps by coincidence, rather lightweight. So in Skrowaczewski's C it was those passages needing painstaking balancing and secure solo playing that impressed most. The second movement's quiet-work of chamber sonorities was abundantly detailed, with flute and oboe principals both displaying beautiful tone, and in the finale's lugubrious opening the bassoons and horns, dusting in the depths, were perfectly weighted against the trombones' bell-like sforzandi. Less happy were the first

movement and scherzo, where Skrowaczewski seemed unwilling to rattle out the rhythms, and particularly the all-important anacrusis of Stravinsky's neo-classical themes with sufficient vigour.

Skrowaczewski's conception of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4, convincingly thought out and purposefully communicated to the players, was also slightly diminished by the absence of beef in the lower strings, particularly in the outer movements. It is good, however, to find a conductor who observes Tchaikovsky's rests, slurs and staccato markings so faithfully; much of the score comes up fresh by that simple act of faith

in the composer's workmanship. Skrowaczewski had plenty of ideas of his own as well: none more subtle than his gentle easing in of the *Fin mosso* in the second movement.

The Cheshire-born pianist Stephen Hough, making his Prom debut, was the soloist in Liszt's First Piano Concerto. Although he, like the orchestra, did not pull out the big sound ideal for the Albert Hall, his highly accurate passagework, sensible speeds well coordinated with his conductor, and stylish phrasing augur well for his future.

Richard Morrison

Theatre

Mass in A minor Riverside

A minor attraction indeed, this drawn-out, episodic piece from Ljubljana's Theatre Mladinsko - at least for those of us who have no Serbo-Croat, Yugoslav or Slovenian. It is the London International Festival of Music which readily utilises some Russian, heavily accented German and French and sporadically English, but the dialogue falls largely on deaf ears.

This "theatricalization of the world" takes place in the round - in the square rather, since we squat on cushions on the carpeted floor while the action devolves on low stages at either end of Studio 2, and also in partitioned cubicles along its sides. The awkwardness of this arrangement, with the constant rubber-necking it entails, soon becomes purgatorial.

The author, director and

designer Ljubisa Ristic apparently accepts "the rebellious left-wing conception of the world" and his play relates the biography of the Jewish revolutionary Boris Davidovich Novski from 1890 to his death in Siberia in 1937. This much at least can be gleaned from the programme. What actually occurs is a succession of tableaux which utilize some very tired tricks of dramatic story-telling.

Notably irritating is the by now *vuex jeu* convention whereby first one, then another, finally all of the cast engage in reading aloud from a text, sometimes from more than one text, simultaneously. The Kronstadt rising of 1921, for instance, is rendered with a girl reading a radio bulletin in Russian while another reads perhaps the same bulletin in English, exhaustively and less than intelligibly. If this device is intended to make the audience

feel alienated, it certainly comes off. Later, a Soviet leader mouths a silent podium speech to recorded applause, while at the other end of the theatre he is accused by various plebs uttering random chunks of Shakespeare. But the true period of this piece is set by the projection of a Charlie Chaplin film over a black-clad chorus line to the accompaniment of a piano, and by the culminating song about Novski's death, to the tune of the Beatles' "She's Leaving Home".

On this evidence the theatre in Yugoslavia has not advanced since the late 1960s. Old or new, the Emperor's clothes look distinctly threadbare, and while one should never turn down the opportunity to hear his tailor's case, it would help to have an interpreter on hand.

Martin Cropper

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# Speaker for the underdogs

## The Times Profile: Bernard Weatherill

The Rt. Hon. Bernard Weatherill, sometimes known as "Jack", became 154th Speaker of the House of Commons two years ago at the age of 63. With that move a political career that smacked of the ordinary was transformed and given the potential to end in greatness.

Mr Weatherill was not the obvious first choice for the job. It was the Tories' turn to choose the Speaker and Margaret Thatcher proposed a former minister, with Weatherill himself championing another. But in the end the honour fell to him because that was what the back-benches preferred, and so he became the first Speaker for many years to be elected by the back-benches rather than nominated by the front.

It is not surprising that he has become known as the back-bencher's Speaker; a man who champions the right to question the actions of the executive. Last Thursday offered a perfect example. Mrs Thatcher's government announced its intention to upgrade the salaries of senior judges, civil servants and senior members of the armed services. It was done through a written answer, thereby appearing to deny the House the opportunity to question a controversial move.

Mr Weatherill tried to redress the balance by allowing (it is his gift) a Private Notice Question, a device by which ministers can be called to the dispatch box to explain their actions. It is not the first time he has encouraged such a step; he permits it more than most recent Speakers. In this instance Mrs Thatcher was called as head of the Civil Service. Unable to appear, she sent along instead the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, thus storing up trouble for herself when she finally appeared, as is usual, to answer Questions on Tuesday.

Now, Mr Weatherill might have been a Tory MP and he might be causing embarrassment in No 10, but as the politically impartial Speaker he was using his power to see that back-benches on both sides of the House were given the opportunity to question the decision.

Mr Weatherill has been on the side of the underdog for most of his life, and not merely because he was never a minister, nor simply because he was elected by the Parliamentary underdogs. His father worked against considerable odds - poverty, lack of education and a disability (a club foot and withered leg) - to build a tailoring firm and to send his son to public school, Malvern. One boy there was written off. He never became a prefect and was designated a "senior inferior" - an older boy with no clout. That boy was Bernard Weatherill and he learned that the top dogs could look after themselves; it was the rest who needed sympathy and help.

Shyness and a stammer caused much of the problem at school. A course in public speaking finally cured the stammer and the Army did the rest. He started in the ranks and ended up a captain in one of the famous regiments of Bengal Lancers. By the end of the Second World War his confidence was such that it led to a reprimand that was to alter the course of his life.

At a party in his home town of Guildford, a man said to him: "Look, I'm going to say something that might offend you, but every time I have passed you this evening I have heard you pontificating on what is wrong with this country and I'd like to ask you one question: What are you doing about it?" Bernard Weatherill replied: "Fair cop, sir. Nothing." The man handed him a business card and invited him to lunch. He was the chairman of the Guildford Conservative Association and within 12 years Bernard Weatherill was to become chairman.

He was driven on by his desire to be of service, a duty instilled in him by his mother and brought to the surface in that cocktail party exchange, rather than any deep ideological commitment to conservatism. He became a prison visitor and thought of entering the Church before deciding to stand for Parliament. By then, the early 1960s, he was doing well in his father's tailoring business, having started as

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an apprentice. He would have preferred to have gone to university but in those days boys did not argue with their fathers.

"In the Olympics of 1964, every medal winner in the equestrian events, no matter what country they represented, wore something made by Weatherill. It was the only time I got into Cross-Bencher [in the *Sunday Express*], but I was not brought up to crowd over achievements."

In any event, he claims not to be ambitious. "Walking through the Members' Entrance for the first time in 1964 was really the summit of my ambition. I never sought office". Backroom progress through the Whips' Office seemed ideal for a man who does not relish the limelight.

Weatherill was reluctant at first to accept the Speaker's Chair. He had been Deputy Speaker, so knew what to expect and was afraid in some ways. He also knew he had a hard act to follow.

His predecessor, George Thomas (now Lord Tonypanody), has been described as one of the great Speakers in modern times: a man with a huge



A sense of duty: Bernard Weatherill and his wife Lyn

personality who stamped his mark with seeming ease upon the House. He ran it on a tight rein, defusing awkward situations with an apt quote and ready wit. Once the broadcasting of Parliament was allowed in 1978, he became a "star" and enjoyed being one. All this adulation (diminished somewhat by the recent publication of his memoirs) made the new Speaker's first year difficult and even his supporters wondered if he had the necessary authority and ability to keep the House in order.

"Hopeless" and "weak" were some of the comments passed, anonymously of course, to political writers

assessing his first year. There also have been some strident complaints in print and in the House from SDP and Liberal Members who feel he did not do enough to help them overcome their disadvantages within the two-party system.

Even now, while praising his independence of mind and championship of the back-benches, there are those who still hanker for a quicker mind and clever touch of Speaker Thomas. They argue that he doesn't call the rowdies to heel quickly enough and sometimes lets the Chamber get too noisy, particularly during the twice-weekly

### BIOGRAPHY

1920 Born November 25, Guildford, Surrey; son of Bernard, master of a firm of tailors and Annie Gertrude Crook. Educated Malvern College.  
1938 Joined father's firm, Bernard Weatherill Ltd.  
1940 Enlisted Oxfordshire and Bucks Light Infantry, Commissioned into 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.  
1941-45 Transferred to 18th King George V's Own Lancers, famous regiment of Bengal Lancers.  
1946 First chairman of Guildford Young Conservatives.  
1948 Director of Bernard Weatherill Ltd.

1949 Married Lyn Eastwell, daughter of managing director, G.A. Harvey Ltd; two sons, Bernard, born 1951, Bruce, born 1953, one daughter, Virginia, born 1955.  
1958 Chairman of Guildford Conservative Association.  
1963 Adopted for Citydon, North-East as successor to Vice-Admiral John Hughes-Hallett.  
1964 Elected to Parliament.  
1967 Became an Opposition Whip.  
1970 Became a Government Whip (Lord Commissioner of the Treasury).  
1973 Government Chief Whip.  
1979 Deputy Speaker.  
1983 Speaker of the House of Commons.

15-minute spots allocated to the questioning of the Prime Minister. Bernard Weatherill knows what he is doing. He does not seek to be a star. The Speaker he most admires and wishes to emulate is Arthur Onslow, who held the chair for 33 years between 1727 and 1761.

"I'm not interested in the length of service! But Onslow established the impartiality of the chair and saw his role as one of leadership in protecting the institution of Parliament from being undermined by the political intrigues of the day. Those who wrote about his life said that it would be difficult to exaggerate the influence he had on the Speakership and on Parliament."

There is an additional philosophy behind his approach. It rests on a quotation from St Bernard of Clairvaux: "Notice everything, turn a blind eye to something, correct a little, cherish the brethren".

He keeps the words on a card in his pocket and does make an effort to

### The best Members are often the most unreasonable

know everything going on in the House. He has his methods of assessing moods and of understanding the background. It would not help, he says, for them to be revealed. And he firmly believes in the occasional blind eye, or what he describes as the Nelson touch.

"Nelson was revered by his men. He did not use the lash very much and his men always knew that he was fair in his dealing with them and that he had their interests at heart. It made for a contented ship". Unlike George Thomas, he favours the long rein and has a difficult attitude to so-called troublemakers.

"The best Members are often the most unreasonable; those who will not take no for an answer and are even a bit cautious about accepting yes. Those are the ones who understand that the function of a back-bencher is to question, to see that nothing passes without an explanation."

Some might argue that he is keen to be liked, but his wish is simply to "cherish the brethren". He looks

after the nervous by warning them when they are being called to speak; he sends notes to those he feels would benefit from a little praise when they have made a good speech, particularly if it is a maiden speech. And his door is always open to anyone who wished to complain or to query his decisions. Dispensing "love and whisky at 10 p.m.", he calls it.

If he thinks a complaint is unfair, he is sharp with the complainant, making sure he has to hand the evidence to back his stand. If he thinks the complaint is fair, he will attempt to put things right. "Very little happens here-by accident", he says.

Some things do. A Labour member recently accused him of showing bias towards Tory Members during Prime Minister's Questions. Speakers by tradition are not supposed to justify their actions, but Mr Weatherill was so upset by the accusation that he floundered badly and made the great mistake of trying to explain his actions to the House. He then added that as the Leader of the Opposition chose to ask three questions of the Prime Minister he allowed two questions from Tories to follow. A Labour back-bencher came to his rescue by suggesting that the discussion should end and that all parties should reflect on what had been said.

Several days later, he admitted his mistake to a full House, saying: "The difficult task imposed on the Speaker is to balance the diverse and urgent claims of Honourable Members, both back-bench and front-bench and of nearly a dozen parties. In its wisdom, not for years but for centuries, the House has advised its Speaker not to give reasons for the exercise of his discretion. When Speakers have departed from that apparently cold discipline, they often find themselves on the spur of the moment stating what are not and cannot be rules but must necessarily be instantaneous judgements. It has been, and is, the fervent hope of successive Speakers that the sum total of their decisions will be accepted as fair and reasonable by the House which elected them to the office of Speaker."

He keeps that statement, posted on a card, in his pocket alongside the words of St Bernard.

Linda Christmas

## COMMENT Marking time is a tester

Around this time of year, untold thousands of young people begin a patient vigil that will last until well into the summer. They have spent up to six weeks, busily scribbling the preambles and most important words of their young lives. Not many words; they have drawn diagrams, sketches, graphs, and copied figures and numbers. They have filled sheets and reams and heavy loads of paper, pouring out the knowledge that has been accumulating in their minds for the past nine years. Well, nine months, anyway.

Stacks of their collected work packages, whittled away by first class post, I know, because another batch has just fallen through the front door. For my sins, I am a DCE exam taker. I sometimes wonder how many of those who have just written exams pause to think about the market. Probably few. If any. What can't remember thinking of at all in the interval between handing a script to the invigilator and reading two months later, the mark achieved? One is aware only of a suspenseful gnawing in the region of the stomach.

Those who do think of the market probably go no further than reflecting on how he makes a few ticks and crosses, and writes 65 per cent or 25 per cent, as the case may be, on a



piece of paper, and hope, the result in the post, getting away for old post. Flunk at this!

At the moment of writing I have spent approximately 23 hours at the task, and have marked only 10 of my allocation of 309 scripts. I wait, filled with dread, as my chief examiner checks those 10 for accuracy. I spend seven hours sifting the mountains of transcripts, sifting scripts, checking answers, sifting the errors and sifting the script sheets. I had to mark my sample of 10, drive to London, attend an all-day meeting at which the paper was discussed in all its subtlety and ambiguity, and return to re-mark the sample in the light of revelations unfolded in London.

In a day or two my sample will be returned, with my chief examiner's comment on 90 scripts. These I must study properly, and do a further sample of 10. Only if these pass muster can I begin marking "in earnest". I have a file of stationary as thick as a plank. My first dispatch included general instructions, computer mark sheets, four types of envelope for communicating with the board, mark schemes, lists of examiners, discrepancy report forms, marking-script forms, unlisted candidate forms and claim forms.

After the scripts and marks have been sent back I must file reports, both general and detailed, on the candidates' performance. As I write these words, I can see myself out on the floor, in flat of 25, 309 (no, 299 - I've already done 40) scripts which I shall begin marking in earnest now as I finish this. Or shall I have a little lie-down first?

Stephen Pimenoff

# Star Wars: ray of hope or dangerous new trigger?

As Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine returns from US talks on space weapons, Pearce Wright assesses the commercial push behind the Pentagon

In the first test in space of President Reagan's Star Wars vision a laser of modest power and proven industrial reliability was fired from the ground at a mirror on the space shuttle Discovery as it passed over a military base on Hawaii. The purpose was to demonstrate the role of future massive beam weapons which could destroy Soviet missiles almost before they left the Russian land mass.

But the laser test on June 19 failed. A navigational mix-up was blamed: the shuttle was pointing in the wrong direction and the beam missed its target. A second attempt two days later was successful. Unfortunately, in the world of nuclear weapons,

the only prize for coming second is annihilation.

Many other similar experiments are planned to translate the idea of Star Wars into a global weapons system. Between 1987 and 1992, for example, at least 12 flights of the space shuttle will be devoted mainly to Star Wars projects.

Vast ground-based experiments are also planned to run alongside activities in orbit. The earth-bound gadgets include weapons and defence systems that would have been regarded as creatures of science fiction less than 10 years ago. There are X-ray lasers, electro-magnetic guns and infra-red radar devices.

Although these devices have been adopted with relish by the American Defence Department, the original idea of Star Wars - the Strategic Defence Initiative - was not conceived by the Pentagon generals. Two years before President Reagan's historic Star Wars speech to Congress in 1983, the blueprint for the programme now being pursued was published under the title *High Frontier: A New National Strategy* by the Heritage Foundation, an organization backed by companies in the defence equipment industry. It was a lavishly produced publication, with artists' im-



pressions of space-based battle stations, military high-performance space planes and a host of inventions that most of us would probably regard as figments of a nightmare.

The author and director of the foundation was former American general Daniel Graham, a military advisor to Mr Reagan during his campaign for the presidency. He maintained that space held the key to technology that would offset Soviet strategic nuclear advantage, and provide an escape from the balance of terror doctrine of MAD - mutually assured destruction. The space programme, on which the Defence Department is committed to spend \$26,000 million by the end of 1990, has a military director at the Pentagon, Lieutenant-General Abrahamson, and a technical director, Dr John Gaultfield, seconded from the University of Alabama, at Huntsville, which is also the home of the vast rocket development and test centre of NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

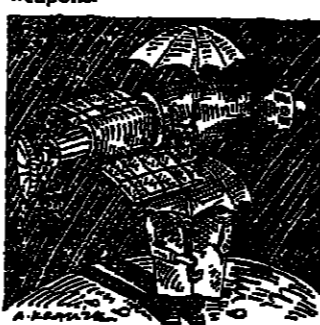
During a recent visit to London Mr Abrahamson said scientists and engineers in the West could do "just about anything". Dr Caulfield's research is into developing computers that can absorb facts and process information to arrive at judgments in the same way as the human brain. He has assembled a consortium of research groups working on projects such as optical computers that process programmes and data which are coded in beams of light. Such computers would be vital to avoid interference - or from radiating jamming or from radiation damage - which would disrupt established micro-electronic circuits.

Under the Star Wars programme, companies and research institutes will investigate a galaxy of techniques to

knock out missiles in flight, using beam-weapons or projectiles powered to incredible speeds by electron-magnetic forces.

All this gadgetry is to exploit the fact that missiles are at their most vulnerable in the first few minutes of launch, in what is referred to as the boost phase. They are relatively easy to "see" because of the size of the rocket motors and fuel tanks - later to be jettisoned - and the beacon of infra-red radiation from the intense heat of the engine exhausts.

Although the defensive umbrella planned in Star Wars allows for a number of "layers" to destroy missiles that survive the boost phase, the object is to demolish them within the first three to five minutes. After the boost phase an inter-continental ballistic missile can split into the 10 separate warheads of a MIRV system (multiple independent re-entry vehicle) and perhaps several times that number of decoys. Booster rockets rising through the atmosphere thousands of miles from the US could only be attacked from space by beam weapons.



### THE TECHNOLOGY GAP

Since the launch of President Reagan's romance with super-high technology, the Soviet Union has systematically challenged US activities, accusing the Americans of violating this or that section of arms agreements. The reason for the Russian game of cat-and-mouse is not difficult to see.

The Soviet Union could soon find itself on the wrong side of an unbridgeable technology gap. Even if Reagan's dream of the ultimate global defensive umbrella is not achieved, the immense funds given to western technology by the attempt would leave Russian expertise flagging. The US Department of

But the technical and political threads of the Strategic Defence Initiative are complex. The goal which President Reagan proposed in his Congress speech called on the scientific community to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete.

He said: "If such a breakthrough could be achieved free people could live secure in the knowledge that their security did not rest upon the threat of instant US retaliation."

But there are politicians and scientists who believe a Star Wars system would trigger a major expansion of the arms race. One of the most detailed arguments against the defence initiative comes from four such people in analysis published in America by the Union for Concerned Scientists.

They are Professor Hans Bethe, who was chief of the theoretical physics division at the Los Alamos Laboratory between 1943 and 1946 when the atomic bomb was developed; Dr Richard Garwin, a research fellow at an IBM research centre and currently a consultant to the Department of Defence; Kurt Gottfried, professor of physics at Cornell University and Henry Kendall, also a professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They assert that a large metropolitan area could be devastated by a handful of weapons detonated at high altitude. If necessary, the warheads could be designed to explode on interception. An effective defensive system would, therefore, have to

Defence has every intention of ensuring its goal. Apart from a ban on exports of sensitive equipment, the Department of Defence means to prevent visiting research scientists from getting in the Soviet block from anywhere direct experience in using advanced computer systems.

The Russians themselves dug most of the hole they are in. More than 15 years ago they withdrew from the US agreement from their own electronics development, when the home-grown versions failed to match the performance of those originating in the US space and defence industries. But they have not kept pace.



intercept and eliminate virtually all of the 10,000 or so warheads, which is the number each side is currently capable of committing to a strategic attack. They do not believe it is credible to consider protecting a city by trying to discriminate between warheads and decoys once they were in the upper atmosphere. Thus the focus falls on destruction at the boost phase, from ground-based silos or submarines.

In their view, the ease with which the space-based detection and communication parts of the system could be overwhelmed makes the proposition untenable. But having pursued the technology, space would become a field of confrontation and battle. These four people believe that, rather than holding the promise of a secure and peaceful world, the president's programme represents the most grandiose manifestation of the illusion that science can recreate the world that disappeared when the first nuclear bomb was exploded in 1945.

There is cause to believe that Star Wars has had more to do with schematics from large military research laboratories and the high-technology part of the aerospace industry, than with real nuclear strategy. Long before the phase Strategic Defence Initiative emerged from the pages of the Heritage Foundation and the pen of the president's speech writers, the Pentagon was developing laser weapons.

In the early 1970s a high-energy beam, fired from the military Sandia Optical Test Range in New Mexico, missed a pilotless target aircraft, and some of the energy was deflected by atmospheric effects causing fire damage on the ground. And in two well-publicized tests four years ago the US Air Force's Airborne Laser Laboratory failed to destroy

anti-aircraft missiles. Two years later, after some modification, a 400,000 watt carbon-dioxide laser installed in a military version of a Boeing 707 succeeded. More than \$2,000 million had been spent by the Department of Defence on attempts to build laser weapons. But, with no results to show for the effort, Congress was beginning to back away at the laser weapons budget, until President Reagan's intervention put them back at the top of the agenda.

Dr George Keyworth, the White House science adviser, asserts that technology is rolling faster than most people are aware. Techniques are in hand for overcoming deficiencies in previous experiments such as the distorting effects of the atmosphere on laser weapons.

Nevertheless, it is accepted that most of the technologies are at an early stage and a long way from operating at the level which would be essential for guaranteeing the performance of a military network. In addition, the defence classification makes it difficult for outside specialists in the relevant fields of computers, electronics and materials science to judge whether the claimed advances are all that they seem.

### CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 705)

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9 Fuss (3)  
10 Impromptu (9)  
11 Register (3)  
12 Coarse (7)  
13 Having back (7)  
14 Appear (3)  
15 Japanese dress (6)  
17 Sway dangerously (6)  
18 Mesh (3)  
19 Narrow passage (8)  
20 Metal rock (3)  
21 Ice hockey penalty box (6)  
22 Pre-sequels (9)  
24 Turn cloth (3)  
25 Magnate (13)  
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1 Tally (6)  
2 Vitality (6)  
3 Yelper (8)  
4 Wished (6)  
5 Appear (4)  
6 Japanese dress (6)  
7 Sway dangerously (6)  
12 Mesh (3)  
14 Narrow passage (8)  
15 Metal rock (3)  
16 Ice hockey penalty box (6)  
17 Covered shopping area (6)  
18 Molecatcher (6)  
19 Covered shopping area (6)  
20 Metal rock (3)  
21 Ice hockey penalty box (6)  
22 Pre-sequels (9)  
24 Turn cloth (3)  
25 Magnate (13)

SOLUTION TO No 704  
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26 Inflow 27 Pigeon  
DOWN: 1 Rope 2 Performer 3 Sings 4 Aerie 5 Oath 6 Basso 10 Earth 11 Usher 22 Hence 23 Critique 24 Warm 25 Snow 26 Alien 27 Blower

BOOKS

Parvenu who was envious

James Fenton on a photographer who wanted to be queen

CECIL BEATON By Hugo Vickers

Envy is an understandable, though unattractive, emotion - given certain circumstances. But envy of the kind Cecil Beaton suffered from fair takes the breath away. At the age of 58 he made a list of the people he envied. He envied the Queen and Prince Philip. He envied the Armstrong-Joneses (him because "stuntifying as much of his present life must be his the Cinderella story of our time"; but why, one wonders, should he envy her?) He envied Graham Sutherland, Barbara Hepworth, John Betjeman, Noel Coward, John Osborne, Laurence Olivier, everyone he'd ever heard of. Reading an article by Evelyn Waugh he had "much pleasure in gouging out his eyes with a pencil, then his nose and mouth and finally destroying his whole head before getting gleefully into my bath."

When he thought about his envy he realized that what he disliked was not so much the fact that other people had talent as that they had talents which brought them success. This is a nice distinction. He was great friends with Truman Capote until the *Act of In Cold Blood*. He appears to have been always ungenerous towards Gielgud, for no better reason than envy. But of course the outstanding parvenu talents of his own generation were the ones he had most difficulty with.

B etjeman, Waugh and Coward were all relatively modest backgrounds. The fact that they might enjoy both social and artistic success was unbearable. The fact that others seemed to get knighted merely by sitting and waiting for them was thoroughly unfair, since "although knights come down low in the scale it would be a great feather in an individual's cap to be thus rewarded."

This last sentence was written on the day the news of his knighthood arrived, and you can see that by then it really isn't enough. He really did envy the Queen. He should have been a monarch himself - and more than that, his parents should have been monarchs too, and his sisters should have had a wonderful family tree, and palaces, and masses of ballgowns and tiaras and things. And the problem was that, however much success

Beaton had, he could never catch up on this past injustice, he remained bitterly aware of the difference between a natural aristocrat and himself. He remained forever the little child stamping his foot pettishly and saying: it isn't fair.

It is striking that Beaton's way of launching himself in society was to launch his mother and his sisters first. The photograph served this purpose - he was dying to get his mother into the *Tatler* as a hostess and a beauty. He was obsessed with the task of promoting his sisters and getting them well married. It wasn't a case of one man setting out in the world with an individual social ambition; the family had to be there too (although he could see that his father was a hopeless case, in that he couldn't grasp the point of all this self-promotion).

It turned out to be rather easy to set the ball rolling. (In those days, it was apparently possible to advertise one's own name in the *Tatler*.) The social editor of the *Times* a box of cigars and a pound note.) But one of the inadvertent effects of Hugo Vickers's biography is to make one unsure to what extent this ability to get himself admired and talked about was a matter of pure social engineering, and how much it was based on genuine recognition of talent. By the time I had finished reading the account of the pre-war years, with its interlocking lists of party guests and vapid "triumphs," I was wondering whether I could go on. I lacked, it seemed, the heroic application of Beaton himself. "The *Tatler* was very important to him. Even when he had a headache and streaming eyes he could not resist reading it, though this once caused him to be sick." Quite so.

But then I paused and turned instead to a volume of Beaton's

photographs. That there is an artistic achievement there is undeniable; and it may be that the biographer has become a little infected with Beaton's own low estimate of his greatest gift, since we rarely get, in all these pages, any serious insight into how the photographer worked, what made him different from his contemporaries, and what his permanent claim on our attention should be. The book reads on an unsurprisingly vulgar note: "I wish I could resurrect him and assure him of the esteem in which his name is now held. I wish I could tell him the prices his work now commands. With his inherent modesty he would have stared back in astonishment."

Mr Vickers has had every opportunity to tell us about the esteem in which Beaton's name is now held, but he has passed up. The book is aimed at a rather specialized readership. It will look well in those roped-off, "lived-in" sections of country homes, on display among the copies of *Art Auction* and the signed photos of the Queen Mum. It will appeal to the readership of *Who Was Who*. But it won't say much to those who are interested in photography or design.

The Second World War signals a marked improvement in the story as told. Beaton himself snaps out of much of his silliness and undertakes to make himself useful. His travels are strenuous and sometimes dangerous. He has a sympathy for the suffering he witnesses. He goes to interesting places, including India and China, where a little more scene-setting on the part of the biographer could have added greatly to the value of the book.

In general, Mr Vickers appears to have been overwhelmed by the wealth of information available to him from the unpublished diaries and correspondence. This means that we see Beaton too much through his own eyes and not enough through the recollections of others. It is not that the work has not been done. It is all a matter of choice in presentation.

In the early stages, Beaton seemed destined for a life of homosexuality, a prospect he dreaded: "I'm really a



Reclaimed past and rebirth in Venice

FICTION Hugh Barnes

STONE VIRGIN By Barry Unsworth

THE FACE OF THE WATERS By Simon Raven

SLOW HOMECOMING By Peter Handke

Translated by Ralph Manheim

Barry Unsworth's latest novel digs deep into the secret life of sculpture. The choice of subject matter seems unlikely at first, but no more perhaps than the stone virgin herself or her sense of devotion, albeit in the sacrificial question is a fifteenth-century Madonna, commissioned by friars of the Supplacanti in Venice and afterwards mislaid, with clerical connivance, for 300 years in a private house. Beyond that a history has been abandoned (as have her features to the effects of dirt and pollution), its traces kicked over. By the time of Simon Raikes's arrival in Venice some recognition of her suffering has been possible and the Madonna resumed as an object of devotion, albeit in the sacrificial question is a fifteenth-century Madonna, commissioned by friars of the Supplacanti in Venice and afterwards mislaid, with clerical connivance, for 300 years in a private house.

Stone *Virgin* withholds superstition, or avoids overt reference to it, and is not as fetishistic as a first impression has it. Nevertheless, beneath the novel's polished surfaces lies a caution belonging to magic or primitive belief. Unsworth alerts us to the hazards of treating with the past as Raikes, the conservator of public monuments, must do. In this way he introduces a serious purpose to the conceit and takes time out to consider some recondite subjects: the relation of the religious artist to the church that keeps him, scholarship and, most memorably, the sinking city itself whose ceremonies are splendidly observed.

Raikes believes that he is engaged in "pioneering work" and with good reason. His task reclaims forgotten lives and mysteries. Raikes himself emerges as only the second in a trio of speakers, preceded by Girolamo, the impoverished and heated Piedmontese responsible for the Madonna, and the rakish Ziani penning his rumbustious *Memories* during the 1790s. Unsworth joins these disparate episodes seamlessly, as history menaces and begins to repeat. His lapidary sentences complement his devices, the most remarkable of which is the characterization of the virgin.

*The Face of the Waters* is the second instalment in Simon Raven's new sequence of novels entitled *The First-Born of Egypt*. The saga takes as its theme "the purposes, beliefs and ways of life of the growing young". It seems reasonable to assume from such a grand blast that Raven has turned his attention to a fresh generation. Although we are plunged into a world of Cambridge colleges and house-parties, and treated to the vagaries of bohemian and

upper-class life, these hopes are disappointed. The young on show here have little in common with their contemporaries in the world, just as Raven's England, despite elaborate conjuring, is virtually unrecognizable to the majority. His frame of reference recalls not only a period but a vanished way of life.

The assembled cast has clearly been signed up for a marathon by the Music of Time. As if to remind us or drive the message home, Raven devotes much of his ingenuity to striking up sub-Powellite poses. But his choreography plods in comparison, its tempo tired and familiar, undermining the claim of modernity.

Raven fleshes out the piece with an arrangement of sketches instead of a continuous narrative. These can be amusing and cruel, and are invariably well-organized. In the first Fielding Gray, a fictional novelist beloved of Raven's enthusiasts, conducts an impressionistic undergraduate tour of Europe. Elsewhere Gregory Stern discovers that his latest polemic against the Jewish people has had its publication blocked by the whispers of disapproval at home and angrier noises abroad. The intrusion of international terrorists and an Arab hit-gang into the novel's leisurely surroundings disconcerts, and seems just faintly ridiculous.

*Slow Homecoming* is a collection of three novels, previously unavailable in this country, by the Austrian writer Peter Handke. Each novel examines an aspect of the same obsession, and describes a man chaotically at odds with "the enviroing world". In *The Long Walk* Round Sorger, a geologist, has isolated himself in an Alaskan village a short distance from the Arctic. Isolation has become a religion to him and a science.

Novelist at sea

Geoffrey Moorhouse

AN EGYPTIAN JOURNAL By William Golding

Fabers doubtless thought they'd had a brainwave. Persuade William Golding to cruise the Egyptian Nile in a boat of his own, and write the trip up, and everyone would cash in nicely on both the Nobel laureateship boom and the current travel-reading boom. Couldn't possibly fail with a property like that, Golding having been a lifelong student of Egypt and a sailor for donkey's years. But alas for the publisher whose inspiration runs upon bandwagons.

The first miscalculation was that Golding's hired boat was small, sailing the river at its lowest level of the year, crewed by Egyptians on whom the author relied for everything. The result was that, while on the river, his view of Egypt was restricted to the river banks towering high on either side; and when ashore, he was shepherded everywhere by his intermediaries as numbingly as any packaged tourist. Even so, I'm surprised that he didn't, just once, tell them to leave him alone for the day while he made his own arrangements.

The second fundamental error in the commission was the assumption that a novelist as gifted as William Golding would naturally adapt to the

rather different disciplines of descriptive non-fiction, and still produce a winner. The travelogue, after all, should be peanuts to the creator of *Pincher Martin*. Mr Golding, soon conscious that he just might be seriously out of his element, consoles himself with the thought that this is his journal, which means that he is merely producing journalism, which no-one will ever confuse with his literature (as odd a train of thought, in fact, as a belief that the 100 metres is by definition any less athletic than the marathon).

Mostly, I fear, this is an offhand and sloppy piece of work. If it illuminates anything it is the proposition that invention and imagination are not all the same thing, though in novelists they sometimes overlap. The first was not needed here, the second is in short supply, and I reckon it was brave to let Fabers have their script when it was done.

Books for babies in a store trolley

CHILDREN Brian Alderson

Much ado of late about Sainsbury's. The wicked grocer has sown an innocent publisher - Walker Books Ltd - into producing a couple of dozen soft-cover children's books to be sold only through his shops. He has then had the gall to say that: "Good books cost less at Sainsbury's".

This will not matter to readers living north of Doncaster where Sainsbury's writ does not run. Nor might it have mattered to anyone else if Walker Books had settled to produce the anonymous goo that Marks and Sparks need to publish for children. Instead though, they commissioned groups of books from some lively and talented authors and illustrators. Celebrating the library circuit, like Nicola Bayley and John Burningham, have been brought face to face with the mum behind the Clapham shopping-trolley.

No one has said what the mum's reaction has been to this scheme to educate her sensibilities. It would be useful to know for instance if Michelle Cartledge's cluttered and boringly conventional "Teddy Board Books" (four titles, 75p each) have *gone* to Helen Oxenbury's "Baby Board Books" (also four at 75p), which are plain but full of offbeat possibilities for parent/child jokes and conversations. A similarly casual, but very personal good humour is present in John Burningham's four "Play and Learn Books" (95p each) which play quiet visual games with those well-worn conceptual topics: *abc*, *123*, *Opposites* and *Colours*. As for the rest of Sainsbury's stock however, it is no less variable in its level of success than that of any other up-market publisher.

And that, of course, is where the anti-Sainsbury league should console themselves. The making of books for young children is a buoyant industry with much room for variation and experiment; and only a supermarket devoted to books - like a bookshop - will be able to build on whatever lust for owning books is engendered among the juvenile patrons at Sainsbury's. So here are some recommendations from among the many new picture books that a real bookshop might have in stock:

*Jen the Hen*, by Colin and Jacqui Hawkins (*Piccadilly*, £3.50). A loony send-up of reading-scheme texts, exploiting the split-page format first perfected in the same authors' classic *Pat the Cat*. Peekaboo! by Matthew Price and Jean Claverie (*Walker*, £4.95). An extremely simple but startlingly dramatic pop-up for strong-wristed babies. Here Comes the Bride by Emil Pacholek, illus. Glenn Ambrus (*Andre Deutsch*, £4.95). A backstreet comedy about how Gladys Allport tries to marry Sam Hardcastle underneath the viaduct by the shunting-yard. Shades of Lowry.

Still not a bad old country

John Campbell

THE DECLINE OF POWER, 1915-1964 By Robert Blake

Granada, £18

Disarmingly he explains that politics happens to be the subject which most interests him. But a book with this title cannot really get away with virtually no description, let alone analysis or explanation, of Britain's decline. He suggests at the outset that the essential factor was the suppression of sea-power, on which Britain had thrived, by land-based power, with which she could not compete. But, apart from an admirable account of the battle of Jutland, he never develops the naval aspect.

Equally crucial was the loss of financial supremacy which was conceded, decisively and irrevocably, to the United States

Celts who hae for race relations . . .

Allan Massie

HIGH ROAD TO ENGLAND By Richard Faber

Faber, £15

languages were supplanted by Latin. Other examples exist of an aristocracy imposing its language on a conquered people; Ireland is a case in point. Moreover, if language were a sure guide, there would be a greater gulf between Lowland and Highland Scotland than between Lowland Scotland and England; yet Gaelic was still spoken in Fife (hardly what one thinks of as a "Celtic" county) and one such exposed to Germanic as well as English influence) as late as the sixteenth century. Why some groups lose a language while others retain it is a matter I have never seen satisfactorily explained; perhaps no general explanation is possible.

National characteristics undoubtedly exist - at least are recognized in common speech - but they are formed by history, landscape, way of life, the nature of work, climate - at least as much as by language or genetic inheritance.

Much of Mr Faber's book deals with more modern times, and some of his points make salutary reading for a Scot. We are used, from time to time anyway, to complain of English imperialism; frequently of the English tendency to say "England" when they mean "Britain". He rather stands this argument on its head: England, he suggests, has been lost in Britain. It is hard to find any specifically English institutions: "I have spent about 20 years of my adult life working abroad in various countries," Mr Faber writes, "except for one or two sporting occasions. I do not remember ever attending, or being invited to, a specifically

Reclaimed past and rebirth in Venice

FICTION Hugh Barnes

STONE VIRGIN By Barry Unsworth

THE FACE OF THE WATERS By Simon Raven

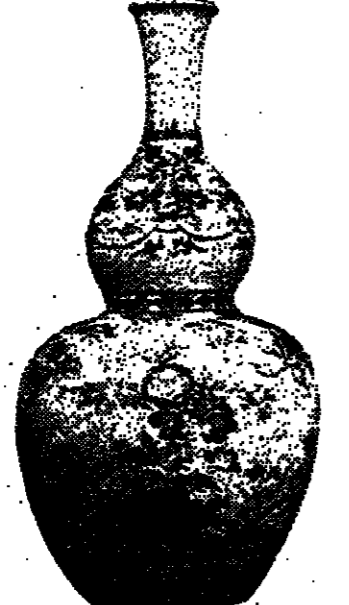
SLOW HOMECOMING By Peter Handke

Translated by Ralph Manheim

Barry Unsworth's latest novel digs deep into the secret life of sculpture. The choice of subject matter seems unlikely at first, but no more perhaps than the stone virgin herself or her sense of devotion, albeit in the sacrificial question is a fifteenth-century Madonna, commissioned by friars of the Supplacanti in Venice and afterwards mislaid, with clerical connivance, for 300 years in a private house. Beyond that a history has been abandoned (as have her features to the effects of dirt and pollution), its traces kicked over. By the time of Simon Raikes's arrival in Venice some recognition of her suffering has been possible and the Madonna resumed as an object of devotion, albeit in the sacrificial question is a fifteenth-century Madonna, commissioned by friars of the Supplacanti in Venice and afterwards mislaid, with clerical connivance, for 300 years in a private house.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Looking both ways

It gets worse and worse. Not only did Roy Hattersley fly to Madeira in the depth of winter to advise on the creation of a free zone, but it now transpires that Ansbacher, the merchant bank which sent him, had just become a contributor to Tory party funds.

Pay review

Denis Thatcher is in an eminently good position to heed Sir Geoffrey Howe's call that British companies in South Africa should condemn repression and work to end apartheid. He is, as I reported yesterday, on the board of Quinton Hazell, a Burmah Oil subsidiary which, according to the latest EEC report on South Africa, paid 170 of its workers less than a living wage during 1983-84.

Jumping the gun

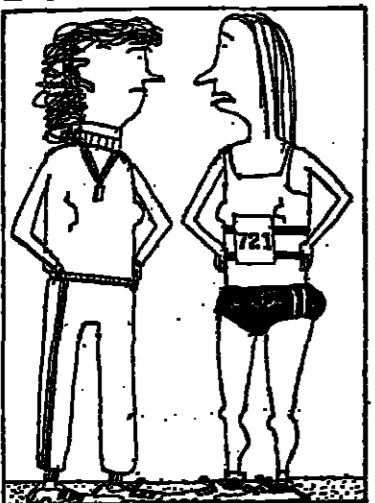
The British Association of Industrial Editors is even more optimistic than David Steel. Its invitation to the Liberal leader to take part in a debate on the 1986 industrial challenge reads: "... we would be delighted to have you representing the government ...". Steel replies: "I do not anticipate we shall be in government by January 1986, but ...".

On Tuesday the Arthur Young accountancy firm announced they were suing the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, for libel. Today they will be pleading as official receivers of NUM assets during the miners' strike. And they probably thought accountancy was apolitical.

Final fling

Patrick Jenkin will soon be in the unusual position of having to decide whether to sanction a report that last month concluded he could be costing London ratepayers £167 million by abolishing the GLC. The £100,000 report, from management consultants Coopers & Lybrand, was commissioned by the GLC, which has belatedly received advice from counsel that it needed express Department of Environment permission to spend an extra £45,000 on refinements to it. This they are now applying for retrospectively. Will Jenkin be big enough to give it the OK?

BARRY FANTONI



"I hear you're running against Zola Budd: neither am I"

Bodyline

Memo to the Peacock Committee: Press photographers covering the Test match at Old Trafford these weeks have just received a reminder that they will be allowed to take up positions on the boundary only "on the understanding that they do not obscure advertising hoardings from the (BBC) TV cameras".

Casting a shadow

How has Ian Mikardo celebrated the 40th anniversary of his election to parliament this week? Not in the resigned or protest from the vice-chairmanship of the left-wing Tribune group, of which he was a founder member, in protest against its reluctance to co-operate with the harder-left Campaign Group in drawing up a joint slate of candidates for this autumn's shadow cabinet elections.

PHS

If you want top people, pay them

by John Ward

The Prime Minister was quite right to rebuke the Opposition in the Commons the other night. The upper ranks of the Civil Service should have their pay determined in a considered, rational way. Few MPs appear to have read, let alone digested, the report of the independent Top Salaries Review Body.

This perceptive document should be studied not just by pay negotiators but by anyone with an interest in public service rewards. As Mrs Thatcher told MPs, the review body argued "that it is of great importance for the health of the public service in this country that it should offer a career pay structure which will attract and retain people of the high quality which that service requires and deserves"; and that the public service should provide rewards which are "fair but not generous in relation to the responsibilities carried".

MPs have accused the government of applying double standards. Why should the pay of the bulk of the public service be subject to arbitrary pay factors and cash limits while the higher echelons have their pay determined in a dispassionate way according to objective evidence? Along with my union colleagues I shall be pressing for the principles expounded in the top salaries

report and accepted by the government to be incorporated in long-term arrangements for the rest of the civil service.

Criticism of the government's decision to implement the review body's recommendations fell under three heads. The first was that the timing was wrong. There is never a good time to announce increases for the relatively highly paid. Because the government had just decided to remove young workers from the protection of wages councils, which many regarded as wrong, that is no reason for failing to take the right decision on top people's pay.

Secondly, it is argued that at a time of economic difficulty senior public servants should set an example of restraint. This was the argument the Prime Minister used in 1980 when she cut back savagely the increases then recommended. Predictably nobody in fact followed the example then set by senior public servants.

Pay at the top of the private sector has taken off and it is in order to prevent a further deterioration in the relative position of the senior civil service that increases of this order have been given. If governments

aspire to influence the size of pay increases they had better introduce a national pay policy and have done with it.

Thirdly, the government is accused of having reintroduced the outmoded concept of comparability. About time too, many public service trade unions will say. Many parts of the public service require training and expertise which can often only be acquired over the years, and often be staffed as a career service. It is inefficient to have large numbers of staff moving in and out of the public service in accordance with sudden fluctuations in their pay relative to the private sector. In these circumstances comparability is a useful proxy for the market. Objectively applied it will ensure a sufficient supply of properly motivated staff able to provide services to a standard which the public is entitled to expect.

Nobody enters the civil service to make their fortune. But if the gap between the rewards which it offers compared with those obtainable in the private sector becomes too wide too many highly talented staff begin to leave. It is this trend which the Top Salaries Review Body sought to correct.

The author is general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants.

Michael Hornsby on the clampdown that treats symptoms, not causes



Duduzi, near Johannesburg: a mob sets out to avenge the death of four blacks killed by police in earlier violence

Johannesburg The state of emergency declared by President Botha in 36 of South Africa's magisterial districts from midnight on July 20 has so far been something of a "phony war". The police already possessed very wide powers of arrest and detention without trial, and in many ways the proclamation of emergency has merely given a blanket legal sanction to what the authorities were doing anyway.

The Public Safety Act, which empowers the government to issue such emergency regulations as it considers necessary or expedient for providing for the safety of the public, was last invoked on March 29, 1960. It came eight days after police at Sharpeville shot dead 69 unarmed Africans demonstrating against the carrying of passes, sparking widespread disturbances.

The 1960 emergency, which lasted for 156 days and during which some 11,500 people were detained, was successful in suppressing political opposition, but had a disastrous, if relatively short-lived, economic impact. There was a huge outflow of foreign capital, gold and foreign exchange reserves fell by half over a period of a year, and many white skilled and professional people left the country. The government then cast about for other methods of combating radical political dissent without endangering the country's economic stability.

They began by enacting supposedly temporary detention-without-trial laws, which were gradually stiffened in their severity and have now become a permanent part of the South African legal system. These laws are today enshrined in an omnibus piece of legislation passed by parliament in 1982 and known as the Internal Security Act. This makes it possible for people to be arrested and held indefinitely without trial, or to be detained for interrogation or because they are deemed to be a threat to security. The reasons for detention cannot be challenged in court.

The government also has many other weapons at its disposal for silencing radical political opponents, such as "banning", whereby an

Emergency as before - and why it will continue

individual can be put under virtual house arrest, required to report regularly to the police, and prohibited from taking part in any public or political activity or from being quoted in the press or on the radio. Nor is a state of emergency legally required to permit the use of the army in combating unrest. Troops have been used in support of the police in black townships since last October.

What then, was the necessity for the proclamation of July 20? Part of the answer seems to be psychological. "The government had to be seen to be doing something in the face of the continuing unrest," says a senior official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "It was under increasing pressure not only from within its own party, but from sections of the business community and moderate blacks anxious to see normal life restored. It simply could not allow its authority to go on being flouted".

Certainly, the Afrikaner mentality has a particular horror of being made to look impotent, especially by blacks. The rejection of the structures of government administration in the townships, especially in the Johannesburg region and the Eastern Cape, has been striking. Of some 35 new black local authorities set up so far to replace the older community councils, and intended as evidence of a "new deal" for blacks, only about half a dozen are still functioning.

In many townships, residents' associations and committees have sprung up and effectively replaced the government bodies. There is widespread refusal to pay rents and water and sewage charges. Black policemen - who account for more than half the total force - have had

to be evacuated from many of the townships they serve, and the government's flow of intelligence from the troubled areas is drying up as increasingly brutal mob justice is meted out to suspected informers. Blacks have also grown increasingly bold in their defiance of laws prohibiting open displays of support for banned organizations such as the underground African National Congress (ANC) and its guerrilla arm, Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), and the South African Communist Party. At a funeral on July 20 in Cradock, in the Eastern Cape, the black community leaders killed by unknown assailants widely believed to be government agents, a large red banner emblazoned with the hammer and sickle was prominently displayed. That, in the South African context, was almost literally to hold up a red rag to a bull.

It would be a mistake to suppose that South Africa is sinking into a state of uncontrollable insurrection. The trouble is still localized and contained within the townships. But the danger that it could spill over into white areas undoubtedly worries the government. An eruption of violence last week in Soweto, the sprawling township of two million inhabitants on Johannesburg's doorstep, which had hitherto been relatively quiet, may well have been an important factor behind the final decision to proclaim an emergency.

Under the emergency, the police and the army are given blanket immunity against prosecution for any actions they deem necessary to quell unrest that threatens even the residual restraints on them. The government can also impose censorship on press reporting of the unrest. These provisions have not yet been

invoked in full measure, but it has been made clear that they will be unless unrest ceases to be "scaled down".

Some formal procedural restraints on arresting large numbers of people and keeping them locked up for long periods of time are also removed under the emergency. (For example, under the Internal Security Act only police officers above a certain rank can arrest people without a warrant, whereas any policeman can now do so.) To extend detention beyond a certain period would also normally require application to a magistrate. Such tiresome bureaucratic formalities now fall away.

Since July 20 the police have been arresting about 200 people a day, mainly church ministers, trade unionists, student leaders, and members of women's organizations and local political committees who make up the amorphous grass-roots membership of the United Democratic Front (UDF), a coalition of more than 600 radical anti-apartheid groups which the government regards as a front for the ANC and the main instigator of unrest. Earlier attempts to diminish the organization's effectiveness by charging its top leadership with treason failed.

The government's contention - a perception shared by few independent observers - is that a "silent majority" of reasonable, law-abiding blacks is being prevented from cooperating with the government by the intimidation of an activist minority. By rounding up these "ring-leaders", it is argued, the forces of moderation will be given a chance to reassert themselves.

What this view resolutely overlooks is the depth and breadth of black anger at lack of political rights and relative economic deprivation, and the extent to which the heavy-handed methods of the army and police provoke violence. There is still no evidence that the government is prepared to consider the sort of concessions - such as setting a timetable for the dismantling of all apartheid laws in the social and economic sphere and willingness to discuss real political power-sharing with blacks - that might begin to treat the causes rather than the symptoms of the turmoil.

When a pinprick becomes outright indignity

The long struggle of Ethiopian Jews to be fully recognized was finally won on Tuesday this week when Israel's prime minister, Shimon Peres, finally persuaded Israel's two chief rabbis that the newcomers should no longer be required to go through any form of conversion ceremony.

The Israeli Chief Rabbi does not often give in to political pressure: indeed it is more accustomed to generate it. In view of the recent stubbornness of the rabbis and the declaration last week by the Ashkenazi chief rabbi that the issue was not "negotiable" one wonders what concessions Peres must have been forced to make.

To claim that the Falashas are not Jews, as the Israeli government did until 1975, and as many scholars of Ethiopian affairs continue to do, is not in itself objectionable. Persuasive arguments can and have been marshalled for such a view: the basic issue is one of definition. But for the Israeli rabbinate to declare that the Ethiopians are Jews, to encourage them to leave their troubled ancestral homeland for a new and alien country on that basis, and then to require them to convert to the religion of which they are supposed members, was both unreasonable and objectionable.

The first step in the rabbinate's acceptance of the Falashas as Jews came in 1973 when the then Sephardi chief rabbi, Ovadia Yosef, declared that they were "Jews who must be saved from absorption and assimilation. We are obligated to speed up their immigration into Israel... for whoever saves a single soul in Israel, it is as though he had saved the whole world."

Despite this grandiloquent declaration, until very recently Ethiopian Jews were required to go through a time-honoured symbolic conversion ceremony known as "conversion in doubt". This involved three elements: circumcision, ritual immersion and an undertaking to keep the commandments. As the males were already circumcised, a symbolic pin prick was substituted, but this caused immense and widespread resentment. The issue became heightened when about 17,000 Ethiopian Jews were brought to Israel in two massive airlifts codenamed Operation Moses and Operation Shaba.

Under pressure from all sides the rabbinate dropped the requirement for full conversion in December last year and with it the symbolic circumcision which had caused such offence. This should have been the end of the matter but, instead, the

ceremony of conversion was replaced by a new and somewhat specious ceremony termed "renewal of the covenant", which required immersion in a ritual bath and a declaration to keep the commandments.

This new formula was still resented by the Ethiopians to the extent that some of them last week threatened to commit suicide or to ask to be returned to Ethiopia. It is the ceremony of "renewal of the covenant" which has now been dropped. The rabbis may still ask the Falashas to take a ritual bath before marriage, but this is already customary among many orthodox Jews.

Rahamin Elazar, secretary of the Association of Ethiopian Jews, said the new formula would be referred to their religious leaders and added: "If they say it is OK, I believe we will accept it."

One might have hoped that the specific and fascinating religion of the Falashas could have been permitted and even encouraged to exist side by side with "normal" Judaism in Israel. But pluralism is not encouraged in the Chief Rabbinate. Reform Jews, for example, are regarded with the greatest possible suspicion by the religious authorities.

Ronald Butt The new breed of racist

My dossier on the racist and supremacist obsessions of the neo-Nazi movement has grown heavy. There have been increasing percentages of people accused of racism on no rational grounds (for instance, as the case of the fascist council clerk of Lowestoft, for failing to send a Christmas card invitation to a black woman colleague). Teachers are pressed to submit themselves to the mental reconditioning of "racial awareness courses". School children are systematically examined for signs of racism, and, at 4-11, subjected to absurdity which is no less dangerous for being funny: a black lawyer declares at the Old Bailey that the word "blackmail" is offensive to black people.

As a result of all this, a feeble educational body was set up in judgment of a school textbook account of Pope Gregory's encounter with the fair-haired Anglo-Saxon children in the Roman slave market who looked more like Angles than Angles and were his impression to send a mission to convert the English.

The story was being culled on several grounds. It seemed to equate beauty with fairness; it gave special merit to the Christian culture; it had no relevance to black Britons whom it could only offend. One, however, in this imaginary conclave produced the Venetian Bacle as his historical source. "Look, here it is," Gregory said, "pudus strales, pudus, caudilla corporis...". He saw some boys with black complexions, fine faces, and so on, put up for sale.

"Would it not be better," suggests someone else, "to translate caudilla as 'with open faces' or as 'candid', instead of fair?" "But it means fair or white," the secretary says, "I can have only one reading for caudilla". "I had thought this title significant," says the clerk, "but having just read a cartoon book published by the Institute of Race Relations on 'How Racism came to Britain', I know that it is not. It is a book of great wickedness, perverting history in a way that can only encourage among 'blacks' a deep hatred of 'white' society, and of the history of the country they have chosen to live in. Funded by the CXC and aimed largely at teachers, the book is the work of an agitator whose doctrine has made no bones about the relationship between the 'anti-racist' power struggle and the class struggle."

The book purveys its message in crude cartoons. Why did black people come to England? "To answer that we will have to ask why white people went over to their countries, robbed them of their land and riches, enslaved their people and taught their children to be more loyal to his country than to their own - and justified it by developing the idea that white people were superior to black people. When we have finished that, you will find that the question is no longer why black people came to Britain, but how racism came to Britain."

It is then related how Europeans discovered and exploited the Caribbean and Latin American regions, whose pre-conquest state is presented by implication as a kind of peaceful, even paradisaical, bliss. In the account of the discovery of Africa slaves are mentioned, but only in the fabrication of social myths.

moreover... Miles Kington

Athletes taking a pounding

The new extradition treaty with Spain has come as a terrible shock to many of Britain's finest middle-distance runners, most of whom are living with their ill-gotten gains on Spain's so-called Costa Flecky. Such a one is Sid Crow, who disappeared mysteriously from athletics two years ago and is now living in Spain under the assumed name of El Croto.

"Shock? Blimey, I'll say it's a shock," says El Croto in his villa, hide-out, where he is guarded night and day by four very tough-looking running shoe-salesmen. "I was only ever in running for the love of it, but unfortunately as soon as the big people got on my trail I found they could run faster than I could, so it was off to sunny Spain for me. I love the Spaniards, their simple ways, their love of life, the way they will do anything for half the price they would in England, and it would give me if I had to scurper to the Cayman Islands."

El Croto held the world record for the 1,500 metres in the early 1960s and is still very proud that his name is in the record books. "Three minutes 33.4? Strewth, I don't remember the time I did. The record I'm talking about is the £18,000 appearance money I was paid to run at Basle, or Zurich, or somewhere. Of course, we didn't get it, we called it expenses, and you used to find it in your running shoe after the event. The design of running shoes has come on a long way in the last 10 years; I can remember a time when you could hardly fit more than \$500 into one."

Another innocent exile on the Costa Flecky is one-time golden boy of British athletics Jim Cobbo, who now lives in a "mountain palace" overlooking Sid Crow's villa, under the sobriquet of El Cobbo, heavily guarded by a pair of large sunglasses. He too fails to see why he should be dragged back to Britain to be asked questions by our top tax people.

"Whatever money I earned as an athlete, I fully believe I have earned it. People only see us athletes in our moments of glory, knowing the tape, doing a lap of honour, and going up to have the cheque placed round our neck. What they forget

is that the money was earned by the sweat and blood of other athletes; that the Arabs enslaved both whites and Africans. I've known a few of the £100,000-a-year athletes who have been taken to human lives. A Victorian lady with a hat is shown saying: 'As a Christian I can't do anything but pray for you.' Besides, there are other pickings, 'eh? We learn how, ladies, we learn from the pickings of beautiful goods into a market, for inferior goods go to the market in Manchester, how it was changed from being a hat that gave food to feed all the people' (no names here) into a which grew into a market for the fashion of fashion.

So we come to the idea behind racism and the lack of inferiority by education, language and custom. A Union Jack with a map in the middle says, 'I understand that you usually eat with freshly washed fingers. Well, I want to introduce you in a much more hygienic approach...'. And so it goes. The book is a masterpiece of the early advertisements, for transport and hospital workers who were supposed to 'be a contribution to employment (P.D. on the bases) in housing and education.'

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Finally, we come to resistance (with a special tribute to the Man Mui in Kenya) and to 'independence' which is described as people without land and without food and a workforce without capital.

Now you know one of the reasons why black people like to leave their own countries. But did you also know that Britain was absolutely desperate for them to come? They follow an account of the early advertisements, for transport and hospital workers who were supposed to 'be a contribution to employment (P.D. on the bases) in housing and education.'

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This volume of late got provoked into writing an invitation: 'If your name was what it is to be...'. That is also a question for the Commission for Racial Equality, the Home Office, and Parliament. This book is only a peak in a sustained campaign directed at the younger generation. Its object is to divide citizen from citizen, to show that only in the fabrication of social myths.

about the long hours of solitary hard work all by yourself with the accountant, sweating over offers from Sweden, trying desperately to add the vital zero to the sum. Nobody does that for fun, believe me. Sid Crow vanished from Britain three years ago during the final lap of a 3,000metre race in Crystal Palace. The videos of that race have been inspected and never since, but no one has yet seen just how Sid managed to disappear. One moment he was there, the next moment only the large figure from the back of his shirt - which turned out, on inspection, to be a Swiss tank statement.

"Believe me," says El Cobbo, "I don't know how it was done either. All I know is that my manager persuaded me to take the best thing to do and I left it to him. I've never regretted it."

But perhaps the most famous exile in Spain from Britain's glittering ranks of middle-distance runners is Stan Crow, whose record for a mile under track meeting anywhere in Scandinavia is still unbeaten, at 58,000 people plus 400 who got in without seeing and are still being lashed by Mark McCormack. El Crow, as he is known here, lives in a helicopter behind El Cobbo's palace, ready to take off at a moment's notice.

"I have nothing to say," I am not satisfied. I have done nothing. You can't prove anything. Please go away. My dog is very fierce. Oh, it's your Cousin."

Why does El Crow not want to return to England? "I simply cannot face being questioned about my life in athletics - about me and my wife, about the girl in the night club in Zurich, about a certain friend, a certain Swedish in 1972, about a little hampage in Italy, why may or may not be my illegitimate son."



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AN IMPRESSION

BY A "STRANGER"

I have been present in the House of Commons on many occasions over a period of 45 years...

TIME FOR SECOND THOUGHTS

The Prime Minister bears her pride like armour. Her pride in the nation's capacity for change and in the project of economic change she has set forth for it today, at the smouldering end of the parliamentary session...

prove that the machinery of the State is not self-contained, that even its most cherished subjects, generals and officials are subject to tight and continuous fiscal discipline.

she came to power to diminish and not to maintain the State. The essence of leadership is to show by example that those at the top are not asking their subordinates to accept something they would not accept themselves.

The Prime Minister should withdraw, and quickly. The convention that Top Salaries Review Body reports must be honoured is flimsy; it should carry as much weight as any other in-built defence mechanism of the corporate State.

For however much defenders of the Cabinet's acquiescence may emphasize the word "top", however much they isolate the large percentage awards to starred officers and mandarins, this award pertains to the whole of the public service.

Abandoning this TSRB report should sound the body's death knell. Comparisons between the upper ranks of the Armed Forces, the Judiciary and Whitehall are a legacy, like the body itself, of Mr Heath's era and its pseudo-science of comparability.

Flexibility would not be for the sake of the whips' office or to give anxious backbenchers a calm summer. What is at stake is bigger than a Lobby roll-call. It is the management of the public sector, nothing less than the capacity of Mrs Thatcher's government to tame the State by bending to its political will even the highest and most intimate of the entourage of officials which surrounds each minister.

So much is blindingly obvious. The TSRB report is neither intellectually cogent nor empirically reliable: how could the Prime Minister and her Cabinet colleagues pass it - as apparently happened - on the nod?

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DEEP WATERS RUN DRY

The report of the Belgrano affair published yesterday by the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee resembles a political parable neatly contained in one volume. Two groups of individuals sit together for months reading and listening to the same evidence. At the end of this process no individual breaks with his group's identity but the two groups reach fundamentally different conclusions about the evidence.

The minority group of Labour members clearly approached the affair with a fundamental belief that the war as a whole was wrong and the Belgrano affair, as a particularly striking episode, was one of the most scandalous.

ministerial deceptions of parliament helped to ensure that Mr Tam Dalyell's impressive, if obsessive persistence would be rewarded by this further inquiry. There must come a time however when somebody should cry "Stop!".

The majority on the Committee examined the evidence and were satisfied that the sinking of the Belgrano was, in the circumstances, a reasonable decision of war, that the Peruvian peace plan was not intentionally or in fact scuppered by that sinking, and that though there were deceptions at the House of Commons, which were regrettably prolonged by ministers, they were more the product of caution than of deliberate mendacity.

Consequently the Labour members on the Committee have tabled another thirty questions (which carry a strong bouquet of Mr Tam Dalyell about them) and finally declared that the government should submit its case to a further parliamentary inquiry.

Before these figures become folklore, it should be pointed out that they are based on the administration population of Hampstead Health District (105,700), not upon the population for which Hampstead's hospitals provide acute services.

These conclusions from the evidence suggest that the majority had no a fortiori feeling that the Belgrano sinking - not to mention the Falklands war as a whole - was inherently wrong. That may be what one would expect of Tory pragmatism which accepts that history and politics is normally about muddling through on the day and is not about conspiracy.

It is questionable whether or not the Belgrano affair really deserved to be prolonged this far. But the Ponting episode and

the ministers did not handle the politics of dissemination with great aplomb, but one reason for that is the same as that which still motivates the Labour members' desire for a further inquiry. It is that a significant element of the Parliamentary Labour Party was against the Falklands expedition from the beginning and virtually the entire party resented the fact that the Prime Minister led Britain to a victory there.

Facts lacking for social debate

From the Director of the Child Poverty Action Group and others. Mr. Members of Parliament will be debating tomorrow the social security benefit uprating regulations. As your Social Services Correspondent noted (report June 19) at the time of their announcement, the proposed changes suggest that the Government has begun implementing its Green Paper on social security, only a fortnight after its publication.

Value for money at the universities

From Professor E. A. Davis. Sir, It does not seem unreasonable that the Government should wish to see a movement of university funding towards science-based subjects in order to improve the performance of the country's economy and the employment prospects of graduates.

operating at the norm whether there exists the space and laboratory facilities to accept additional students and, if so, could this be done assuming the necessary lectureships and related resources were provided.

As organisations working on behalf of the groups who stand to be affected by the Green Paper's proposals, we are deeply concerned both about their likely implications and about the procedures for consultation adopted.

The proposed scheme, in which existing lecturers and facilities are used to the full, would be more cost-effective than attempting to identify centres of excellence in teaching and research (a hazardous exercise) and expecting these centres to take sole responsibility for the desired shift.

The Government has justified its refusal to provide figures to illustrate the likely impact of its proposals on the grounds that the debate should, at this stage, centre on structures. While deploring the absence of figures, we also wish to make clear our serious reservations about the Government's chosen structures.

Finally, on the related topic of research funding, I cannot agree with Professor Millar (July 15) that the UGC's request for information will lead to a "degrading scramble". All departments ought to welcome the opportunity to state their position and to justify their activities and should be prepared to accept any judgments made on the basis of their submissions.

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undertaken by the board's research staff by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, by the National Nuclear Corporation and by British Nuclear Fuels plc.

We do not believe that a 15-week consultation period, over the summer, to be followed swiftly by legislation, can provide adequate time for the public debate that such a shift in welfare provision merits.

In addition, the CEBG, in conjunction with the South of Scotland Electricity Board, has requested the National Nuclear Corporation to undertake design studies aimed at defining the parameters for a future AGR station and resolving the arrangement of the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate in respect of any such station.

CEGB strategy

From Mr J. G. Collier, FEag. Sir, Although there are many points raised in Graham Searjeant's report ("The CEBG hones its nuclear strategy", July 19) that I might wish to comment upon, I will restrict myself to just two.

Much of this work is aimed at achieving the full potential of the existing AGR power stations, including extending the lifetime of the nuclear fuel and the core components and achieving the capability of refuelling the reactors at power. Some 700 research staff (considerably more than engaged on the PWR) are employed on these activities.

Hospital costs

From Mr William H. Wells. Sir, On July 15 you reported a statement by Michael Meacher, MP attributing expenditure of £155.65 on acute hospital services for each Hampstead resident compared to £22.14 for people in Oldham.

The CEBG has some 6000MW(e) of AGRs in operation, commissioning or under construction. These will form the backbone of our nuclear capacity up until the end of the century. There is no question of consigning the AGR to the "dustbin of history".

Townley archive

From the Secretary of the Society of Dilettanti. Sir, In her account (July 24) of the sale of the Townley archive at Sotheby's Mrs Norman states that the Getty Trust has recently purchased the archive of the Society of Dilettanti.

VAT on small businesses

From Mr Paul Rivlin. Sir, The most important recent news for small businesses is not the White Paper but the draconian powers the Finance Bill will give to the Customs and Excise in respect of VAT payments.

Getty photographs

From the Secretary of The Royal Photographic Society. Sir, Commenting (July 13) on the photographic acquisitions by the Getty Museum, Mr Mark Haworth-Booth rightly emphasizes the range and value of British collections of early-Victorian photographs.

Complaints against Bar

From Mr R. T. A. Read. Sir, In his recent article (July 3) on privileges and practices of the Bar, which, as a solicitor, I read with particular interest, Alastair Brett might also have mentioned the gross inadequacies of the system dealing with complaints against barristers.

BISHOP'S MOVE

The Christian gospel was clearly intended to bring comfort to the oppressed. There is nothing in it very obviously comforting to oppressors, and preachers of the gospel have often considered it their duty to make oppressors uncomfortable. They are usually not surprised when they are rewarded for this by being told that they do not know their business and have stepped outside their proper role in society.

Unhappy returns

From the Director of Engineering, North Thames Gas. Sir, Mr Luder (July 23) wonders whether our digging up the road in St George's Square so soon after it was resurfaced is a world record.

Relative values

From Mr Selby Whittingham. Sir, As Professor Horton Rogers says (July 23), comparisons with early nineteenth-century values are difficult. But, to take his own example, a judge receiving £5,500 in 1826 could have bought about 10 paintings by Turner out of this; receiving the present-day equivalent of over £150,000, he could buy at best about one-tenth of such a Turner or maybe half a Francis Bacon.

Unhappy returns

When the professional complaints committee has reached its decision, the result is communicated to the complainant by letter, with no explanation whatsoever.

Relative values

There could be no wider disparity between this process and the normal form of fair and open hearing in an English court of justice. There is clearly much here that needs urgent reform.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon attended a service of Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey to mark the Quinquenary of the City of Westminster.

Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.
The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this afternoon at a performance of The Royal Tour at Earls Court.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Harry Wyndham and Miss S. Woodall
The engagement is announced between Harry Wyndham, younger son of the late Lord Egremont and of Pamela, Lady Egremont of Chester Square, London, SW1, and an Cornmouth, Cumbria, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bruce Woodall, of Sheffield Terrace, London, W8.

Menuhin collects his title, 20 years on



Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, was invested as a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire by the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday. He was accompanied by Lady Menuhin and his daughter, Zuckma. Sir Yehudi was made an honorary KBE in 1965 but has only this year become a naturalized British citizen, allowing him to use the title.

Sale room

Fierce contest for golf heritage

A collection of paintings by Thomas Hodge of St Andrews golf course and the golfing fraternity of the late 19th century brought fierce competition between latter-day golfers at Sotheby's yesterday.

Doubts over

Hadrian's white wall

Hadrian's Wall may have been gleaming white and parts of it may not have built by Hadrian at all, but by Septimius Severus nearly a century later.

OBITUARY

Mrs T. R. FYVEL

Writer and broadcaster

Mr T. R. Fyvel, the writer, editor, broadcaster, sociologist and expert on Jewish affairs - known with great affection as 'Tosco' Fyvel - has died, at the age of 78, while on holiday in France.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev P Adams, Parish Priest of All Saints, West Wickham, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar, same parish, diocese of Southwark, from August 1.

Retirements

The Rev H V Garsdale, Rector of Orsett and St Andrew, Southwark, diocese of Southwark, to retire on October 31.

Church in Wales

Dioecese of Swansea and Brecon
The Rev D M E Swales, rector of Luce, Swansea, diocese of Swansea and Brecon, to retire on October 31.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday was host at a buffet luncheon given at Dover House for Scottish Parliamentary lobby and gallery correspondents.

Marriages

Major-General K. Parkins and the Hon Celia Sandys
The marriage took place yesterday in London of Major-General Ken Parkins and the Hon Celia Sandys.

Latest wills

Mr William Parker, of East Norton, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £2,375,378 net.

Science report

Unravelling the molecular knot

In the microscopic world of the cell, long protein chains are constantly rolling off the nuclear production line at the instruction of the genetic DNA, and the cellular membrane acts like a bag to hold the cell's contents.

Latest appointments

Mr H Astley Watfall will succeed Sir Richard O'Brien as Chairman of the Engineering Industry Training Board.

Birthdays today

Mr Clive Bradley, 51; Mr James Butler, 54; Sir William Coats, 61; Sir Charles Gordon, 67; the Rev Derek Harbord, 67; the Rev Dr John Huxtable, 73; Mr B. Godman Irvine, 76; the Earl of Kintore, 77; Sir David Napley, 70; Professor W. R. Niblett, 79; the Right Rev Barry Rogerson, 49; Miss Annie Ross, 55.

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MR ALVAH BESSIE

Mr Alvah Bessie, an American novelist who based his work on his experiences during the Spanish Civil War and, later, in Hollywood, died in California on July 21 at the age of 81.

Memorial service

A memorial service for Mr Martin Parr was held at the Temple Church, Fleet Street, on Tuesday.

Correction

Mr Ken Lane, who designed the engine for the Spirit of St Louis, the aircraft in which Lindbergh made the first solo crossing of the Atlantic, died on July 18 aged 89.

Correction

Mr Dorrian Williams, whose obituary was published on July 24, was not a great nephew of Charles Hawtrey or of Edward Hawtrey. He was a nephew of Mrs Edward Hawtrey, from whom he inherited the preparatory school, Hawtrey's, in 1940, having become headmaster in 1938.

Correction

Also on July 22, Mr Reuben George Heffer's name was wrongly spelt in his obituary.

The trustees of the Leverhulme Trust have approved the following awards to individuals and research awards advisory committee.

Leverhulme Trust awards

Mrs L. J. Brooker, lecturer in Hispanic studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of London, is awarded a Leverhulme Trust award of £10,000 for research into the history of the Spanish language in the Americas.

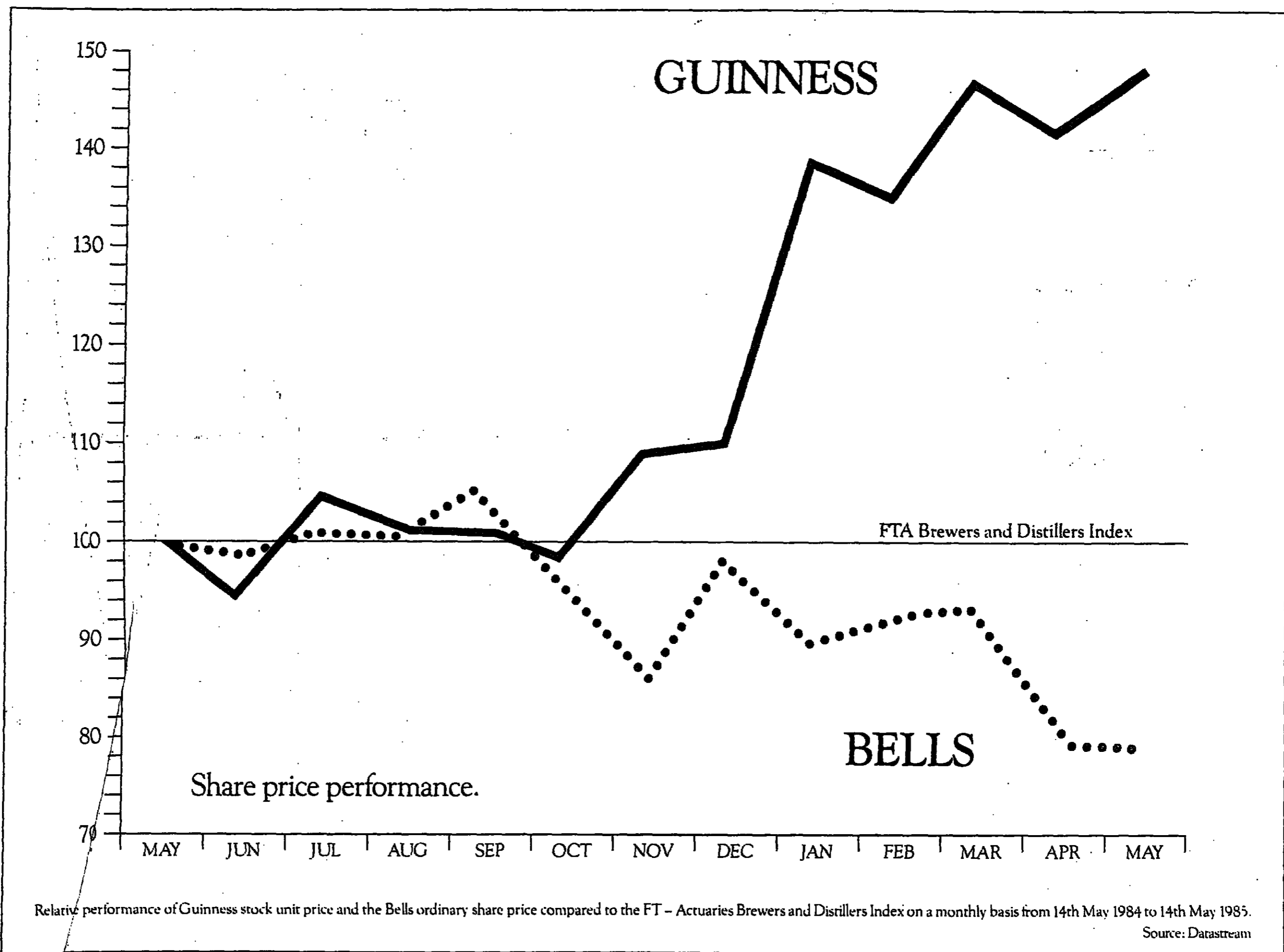
The Jockey Club settlement rehabilitation scheme at Epsom Racecourse is the subject of a report by the House of Commons Select Committee on the Environment.



**OBITUARY**  
**MR T. R. FYVEL**  
**Writer and broadcaster**

Mr T. R. Fyvel, the editor, broadcaster, writer and chronicler of Jewish life in Britain, died at the age of 70 on Monday in France. He was a prolific writer whose work was widely read and broadcast. Fyvel was born in Cambridge in 1915. He was educated at Eton and worked for the Foreign Office. He was a member of the Conservative Party and served as a Member of Parliament for Cambridge from 1963 to 1970. He was a close friend of the late Lord Hailsham and was a member of the House of Lords. Fyvel was a well-known figure in the Jewish community and was a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He was also a member of the House of Commons and served as a Minister of State for the Home Office. Fyvel was a prolific writer and his work was widely read and broadcast. He was a member of the Conservative Party and served as a Member of Parliament for Cambridge from 1963 to 1970. He was a close friend of the late Lord Hailsham and was a member of the House of Lords. Fyvel was a well-known figure in the Jewish community and was a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He was also a member of the House of Commons and served as a Minister of State for the Home Office.

# WHO HAS THE BETTER SENSE OF DIRECTION?



Since 1980 Bells' share of the UK Scotch Whisky market has declined by 20%. Overseas, Bells has also failed to achieve its promised inroads into the crucial US market.

By contrast, the Guinness Group has not only revitalised its core brewing business and established a second major profit source, Retailing, it has also developed a strategy of "Growth for Tomorrow" by investment in Healthcare and Publishing.

Bells' predicament and Guinness's revitalisation have both been recognised by the

Stock Market as the graph, for May 1984 to May 1985, so vividly demonstrates.

Guinness' record justifies the claim that it can steer Bells in the right direction. The market confidence in the considerable abilities of the Guinness management team should further enhance Bells' shareholders' confidence.

On 14th May 1985, before rumours of the Guinness bid, Bells' shares languished at 143p.

Bells' shareholders are not only being offered a substantial premium over this

price, they are being offered shares in an exciting, enlarged Guinness Group.

The growth prospects of this Group can only lead Bells' shareholders in one direction.

Towards accepting the very full offers made by Guinness, before 3.00 p.m. tomorrow.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

British Gas sale central to market planning

The privatization of British Gas overhangs, by somehow fails to inform the Common Energy Select Committee's report of the development and depletion of the gas resources on the UK Continental shelf.

Unquestionably, Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, erred on the side of UK development in vetoing the plan of the British Gas chairman Sir Denis Rooke, to buy gas from the proposed Norwegian Sleipner field development.

What seems to have been lost in all this worry, however, is the potential role of privatization, combined as it must be with full deregulation of export and landing restrictions, in resolving the conflicts of economic production and supply and economic pricing of gas.

A physical two-way link with the Continent seems essential to such a development and to the future natural control of the British Gas buying and selling monopoly.

The oil industry, in particular, is appalled that the relationship of OfTel to British Telecom might be seen as a model for regulation of British Gas.

Business is business, even for professionals

Some professional people have in the past preferred not to be seen to court business with anything more than a gin and tonic at the club, but such commercial squeamishness does not fit the spirit of the times.

Still rejoicing in the triumph of turning the opticians' monopoly into a high street spectacle of free enterprise, the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Mr Alex Fletcher, has fixed his attentions once more on the other professional classes.

Today the consumer is king, and he is supposed to be able to make his consumption decisions on the basis of the best price as well as the best service.

Some restrictions on advertising have gone already, with solicitors advertising their conveyancing abilities and accountants actually giving copy-writers a chance to come out with some witty lines.

The Government is convinced that a free-for-all over price and behaviour is in the ultimate interests of the consumer, although the professions mutter about standards falling in the scramble for business.

The apostles of free competition at the OFT may have some difficulty in understanding the argument that a degree of ignorance may be in the consumer's interest.

Thames Water speeds ahead on privatization

Mr Roy Watts, chairman of the Thames Water Authority, yesterday backed his campaign for privatization of the utility with news of a near 30 per cent leap in profits for the year to the end of March to £104.8 million.

The Authority beat all the financial targets imposed on it by the Government, except the external financing limit. Here it fell short by £4 million of the £34 million reduction in outstanding debt the Government wanted, because of greater than expected expenditure on redundancies.

These targets will be a thing of the past by the end of 1987 if Mr Watts has his way. The Department of the Environment is due to submit its formal report on the merits or otherwise of privatization of at least some part of the water industry to the Secretary of State by the end of this month.

At some stage in September the Thames Water Authority should know whether it has a place in the privatization queue. September will probably also witness a new round in the long standing row between the Government and the Authority over water charges.

All the signs are that there is going to be a difference of six points between the percentage rise in rates the Government wants and the much lower increase the Authority wishes to see. Mr Watts believes that the sooner privatization removes this annual battle by freeing the Authority to set its own commercial targets, the better for the consumer, and for the infrastructure of the Thames valley.

Needless to say this is not a view shared by less prosperous water authorities in England and Wales, many of which also laid their report and accounts before Parliament yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Thames Authority is going about the task of pepping itself up for the hoped for 1987 float with all the verve to be expected from such an aggressive exponent of privatization.

The Thames is one of the greatest tourist attractions in Britain, Mr Watts believes, but its earning potential is barely being scratched. High speed river buses between Westminster and Docklands and much greater commercial exploitation of the nine London piers that the Authority will be taking over from the GLC in April, are among the plans being considered.

US asks Group of 10 to help avert dollar 'crash landing'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The possibility of a crash landing of the dollar is increasing domestic US pressure for more cooperative action among the Group of 10 nations to prevent sudden, erratic movements in exchange rates, officials said yesterday.

In sharp contrast to the mood in Washington a year ago, there is now growing support for a coordinated approach to prevent a big dollar slide of the sort Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said was the biggest potential threat to the American economy.

Mr Preston Martin, vice-chairman of the Fed, said: "This country cannot go it alone. Our partners in Europe and Japan have a bigger gross national product than the United States and they must come forth with more stimulative policies."

Mr Martin's statement, which echoed earlier testimony by Mr Volcker urging more expansion in other countries, coincided with the release of a new study which concludes that a hard landing of the dollar is almost inevitable under present circumstances.

Based on simple arithmetic, a soft landing does not appear likely under present policies, Mr Harris said.

This will result in a crash landing accompanied by a sharp burst in interest rates, rising by a minimum of five points, accelerating inflation and rising unemployment. The end result would be another recession, according to Mr Harris.

Banking chiefs get tough

American banking regulators, after a high-level meeting to assess the credit worthiness of countries borrowing from US banks, have targeted five nations for which American institutions must set aside special loss reserves.

In an announcement which surprised congressional officials, Mr Joe Selby, acting comptroller of the US currency, said yesterday that the countries on the special reserves list were: Poland, Bolivia, Zaire, Nicaragua and Sudan. US banks have outstanding loans of \$650 million (\$464 million) to these countries.

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This will result in a crash landing accompanied by a sharp burst in interest rates, rising by a minimum of five points, accelerating inflation and rising unemployment. The end result would be another recession, according to Mr Harris.

Banking chiefs get tough

American banking regulators, after a high-level meeting to assess the credit worthiness of countries borrowing from US banks, have targeted five nations for which American institutions must set aside special loss reserves.

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IN BRIEF

Freemans in shop deal

Freemans, the leading mail order group, is expanding into high street retailing, according to its managing director, Mr Ralph Aldred. It has recently gained concessions in 80 high street shops, including Top Shop, House of Fraser and Debenhams, on a trial basis.

Speaking yesterday at a seminar held yesterday by Kitecat & Aitken, the stockbroker, Mr Aldred welcomed the growing interest shown in mail order by retailers such as Next and Marks and Spencer.

Mail order sales are growing faster than the high street's, Mr Aldred said. Freemans has increased its share of the mail order business.

Lift for Dowty

Dowty, the engineering group, lifted profits from £36.5 million to £44.2 million before tax in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £403 million to £463 million and the dividend is up from 4.5p to 5p. Tempus, page 21

Mr Roger Streeter, Robert Fleming's head dealer in its new market-making operation in electrical shares, is leaving to join L. Messel, the stockbroker.

Quant stake

Mary Quant, the fashion designer, will have a larger direct stake in the publicly-quoted Thomas Jourdan group as a result of proposals to simplify the structure of the business.

Bardon buy

Irrevocable undertakings to accept Bardon Hill's recommended offer have been given in respect of 5,632,663 Vectis Stone ordinary shares (40.5 per cent).

Yards sold

Howard Doris is acquiring Walford Slipway and Engineers, of Tyneside, and Sea and Land Pipelines of Lowestoft. Howard Doris is also negotiating with the Cromarty Firth Port Authority to obtain access to an extension being built at Invergordon.

Tourism boost

The average room occupancy in English hotels was 57 per cent last year, a 3 per cent increase on 1983 and the highest for eight years, according to the English Tourist Board.

Inland Revenue falls behind

By Richard Thomson

The Inland Revenue is having trouble coping. Its 127th annual report, published yesterday, shows that despite a higher tax yield in 1983-84, tax offices were increasingly falling behind with assessments.

The report says that during the year arrears of work "reached levels which were historically very high indeed". It adds that "the overall position is one which gives us cause for serious concern", and says recovery is likely to be long and gradual.

High staff turnover leading to shortages of fully trained people, is blamed. In some parts of the country there was even a

problem recruiting and training staff too often left for more remunerative jobs in areas where we are no longer fully competitive".

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The Revenue received tax worth £45.8 billion in 1983-84 - £2 billion more than the previous year - representing 58.7 per cent of the Government's total tax take. The cost of collection fell marginally to 1.72 per cent of receipts.

More than £27 billion was collected through PAYE, about 98 per cent of the amount estimated to be due, but only \$7.7 per cent - £1.7 billion - of

the amount due was collected from assessed taxes such as capital gains and corporation tax.

A total of £141 million was written off as irrecoverable, an increase of £33 million, mainly attributable to a rising number of insolvency cases.

However, the Revenue's yield from investigations has risen to over £370 million, five times the amount produced in 1976, the report says. The number of investigations also increased rapidly to 70,854, 4,000 more than in the previous year, but the number of Revenue officers assaulted by rate taxpayers during the year remained at three.

Ansbacher criticizes former director

By William Kay, City Editor

Lord Williams, former head of the Price Commission and now financial adviser to Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers, was yesterday strongly criticized in a report drawn up by two directors of Henry Ansbacher Holdings. Lord Williams was managing director of Ansbacher, a City merchant bank, until January this year.

In May the Ansbacher board asked Mr Richard Fenhalls, who succeeded Lord Williams as managing director, and Mr Claude Vercombe to investigate the circumstances surrounding the paying of an interim dividend of 1.5p per share on December 20, 1984, in respect of the six months' trading to September 30. Last November the company announced that profits for that period had been £1.35 million, an increase of £200,000 on the comparable period of 1983.

The new report says: "We are of the opinion that the interim statement should have shown a substantial loss and not a profit for the half-year, and that there were no profits out of which an interim dividend could have been paid on December 20."



Peter Miller: small print can be ignored

Pledge on PCW policies

By Alison Eadie

The chairman of Lloyd's, Mr Peter Miller, has written to names on former PCW syndicates indicating that the 90 names who hold suspect stop-loss policies can rely on any normal claim being met "as if the contentious workings were not present".

The policies, organized through the PCW members' agency, have been discovered to have small print which renders them worthless for the task of limiting names' losses on long tail insurance business. The syndicates wrote principally long tail business, which has been largely responsible for the estimated losses of £130 million.

Mr Miller also said Lloyd's was considering whether allegations made recently in a report commissioned by PCW names from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, called for further action against third parties. The report, which alleged serious overwriting of business in the 1970s and manipulation of past accounts, also questioned the role of Sedgwick Group, through its reinsurance company Chiltern.

Rossminster man faces bankruptcy

Mr Roy Tucker, the accountant behind the Rossminster tax avoidance schemes in the 1970s, was yesterday being examined by the Official Receiver to determine whether he should be declared bankrupt.

On Monday a receiving order was issued by the London bankruptcy court for the recovery of a \$412,000 (£392,000) guarantee in connection with a contract for the marketing of emeralds.

Bowater may face bid

By Cliff Feltham

Hanson Trust last night declared a 7 per cent stake in Bowater Industries, fuelling speculation that the paper group is to be Lord Hanson's next takeover target.

Bowater admitted it could be in the firing line. Mr Dennis Rees, a director said: "It is true we could be, but at this stage we have no reason to regard the shareholders as hostile".

In the lock market Bowater shares jumped 34p to a peak of 313p when the group is valued at £282 million. The shares have come up from 214p this year.

Mr Rees said it had been aware of some time of a Hanson bid of around 4 per cent. Hanson was now Bowater's largest shareholder, "as no assuming they regard it as no more than investment and we are not expecting them to make a bid," he said.

Mr John Pattison, a Hanson director, would not say what price had been paid for the 6.5 million shares it now held. "We've taken no decision on whether to buy more, so what we have, and that goes for making bid as well," he said.

Government ends ECGD speculation

By John Lawless

The Government has ended two years of speculation about the future role of the Export Credits Guarantee Department, by accepting all the recommendations of an internal review committee - with one major reservation.

Mr Paul Channon, the Minister of Trade, said yesterday the ECGD is not, after all, to get an executive board of part-time directors drawn from the private sector.

To have set up such a board he said, would have meant removing ultimate responsibility for the financial solvency, or otherwise, of a key government department from ministers.

ECGD, however, is to get a much-needed injection of private sector expertise, by bringing in three new under-secretaries from the City or industry, to act as senior managers directly responsible to the agency's chief executive, Mr Jack Gill.

This will mean an increase to five under-secretaries.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of stock market movements including Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and various sector indices.

Dow slides further

New York (Agencies) - The stock market eased in early trading as a slide continued into the third day. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.01 to 1,349.80.

A slightly stronger dollar reversed the downturn in metal prices.

All DME metals rose with copper demonstrating that it may at last have found a new lease of life. Its backwardation and that of zinc widened appreciably.

sterling held up well against the dollar in quiet and lacklustre trading.

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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing Sterling spot and forward rates for various maturities.

OTHER SPOT RATES

Table showing other spot rates for various currencies.

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Opec proposals

Geneva (Reuters) - Opec conference delegates were last night discussing three pricing proposals put forward by the Opec differentials committee.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures including interest rates, currency futures, and commodity futures.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table providing detailed information on unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance metrics.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Revised forecasts hit Racal and AE

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

The shares of two high technology companies felt the impact of the calculators at Scott Goff Layton, the broker, yesterday. Analysis at the firm downgraded their profit forecasts for Racal Electronics and AE. The old Associated Engineering.

Racal shares, which have been weak recently after the warning of lower interim profits from Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, eased 3p to 134p. But AE, now regarded as a highly sophisticated engineering group, had a much rougher ride. Its shares tumbled 11p to 123p.

The company has been riding high in the past two years after a difficult patch. Its last full-year profits were £17.3 million against only £400,000.

With its latest set of interim figures up £3 million to £11.2 million the broker was, until yesterday, looking for £26 million this year.

But it has trimmed its forecast to £23 million and pulled back next year's projection from £31 million to £26 million.

In the past year AE's shares have been as high as 164p and as low as 68p.

The Racal downgrading is from £143 million to £138 million. The lower estimate is based on the assumption that the upturn in the American data communication market will be slower coming through than was once thought.

But the broker still believes Racal has much going for it and is impressed that the group is "biting the bullet" over its US data communication side.

Scrimgeour Vickers, Racal's broker, is forecasting £142 million for the year.

Shares had a quiet day with interest rate hopes, the firmer pound, and today's Imperial Chemical Industries figures the main influences. But trading was exceedingly quiet. At the close, the FT 30-share index was 4.9 points higher at 926.0 points and the FT-SE share index was up 3.1 points at 1,236.2 points.

Expect Bennett & Fountain, the wholesale and retail electrical group, to announce two acquisitions soon. The company, which came to the USM this year at 10p a share, has just announced profits of £763,000 (against a £750,000 forecast). The shares were unchanged at 11½p yesterday.

On the gilt market, conventional stocks exhaustion of the 2.013 "tap".

Commercial Union fell at one time 6p to 204p on a wave of American selling. But the shares quickly recovered to close just 2p down at 208p.

Bowater soared 37p to 316p on confirmation of the rumoured Hanson Trust share build up. Hanson has just over 7 per cent of the shares.

Pearson shares continue to slip toward the bottom of their trading range, losing another 3p to 323p yesterday. Apart from problems at Goldcrest, the film-making subsidiary, analysts are also worried about the publishing side of the group's empire.

Both the *Financial Times* and Longman have problems, they say.

The strength of sterling against the dollar does not help, since Pearson received 38 per cent of its profits from the US last year. At Goldcrest, the epic *Revolution* - the story of the American War of Independence - is behind schedule, and Mr James Lee, the man who has led Goldcrest into international successes, but also into a cash shortage resigned last week.

Cazenove, the broker to the group, has been heard to tell clients to stay away from the shares until the half-year results are out in early September. Buying is likely to resume only after that.

Ratners, the jewellery retailer, rose 5p to 92p as the market became excited about sales in the sector. Mr Gerald Ratner, managing director of the high street chain, said: "This year sales are much better than last: we are 25 per cent ahead so far. We are heading for the top end of market profit forecasts".

Some analysts expect pretax profits to double this year, to £4.2 million, and Mr Ratner reckons the increased level of sales in pushing the company in that direction. "The extra turnover we are doing is very profitable. It's cream on the top", he said.

Thomas Jourdain shares jumped 8p to 122p alongside the good half-year profits and dividend news. The company is planning to simplify its shareholdings with the Mary Quant business, though this will not

Evered Holdings, where the

level of royalties which Jourdan earns from the cosmetics and fashion designers.

Vantona shares rose 6p to 356p after a television profile of the company and its chairman, Mr David Alliance, on Tuesday night. Nottingham Manufacturing, which is due to merge with Vantona, shared in the goodwill created by the programme, its share rising 4p to 264p.

Shares in the electricals group, CASE, continued to

The Bass brewing group is to bid for the once ailing First National Finance Corporation which has £70 million of tax losses. Mr Derek Palmer, Bass chairman, said: "I never comment on market rumours". Mr Palmer, a former merchant banker, is thought to have once toyed with the idea of buying a stockbroker. FNFC shares were unchanged at 99p.

William Holdings, the engineering to car dealing group where acquisition news is expected, rose another 5p to 308p, and F H Tomkins, whose expansion is well favoured by the market, gained 4p to 192p.

Manders, which has recently struck a deal to simplify ownership of the Manders Shopping Centre in Wolverhampton, rose 5p to 190p. The City appears to like the arrangements, although, in the short term, property earnings for the group are likely to slip.

Extel Group shares suffered as shares from the recent rights issue appeared on the pitches. The price lost 17p to 311p. The shareholders' meeting is being held today.

Gold shares fell back yet again, with stocks quoted in dollars showing losses of up to \$4.

TEMPUS

## High growth Mount Charlotte prepares for bigger deals

Mount Charlotte Investments produced better figures than expected, the shares rose 1½p to 87p, and the managing director, Robert Peel, talked enthusiastically about prospects for the current year. Par for the course, opined the bored hotel analyst? Perhaps: but for hotel whizz kid Mr Peel and his merry men, all three factors are linked in a grading equation of some complexity.

Interim pretax profits rose from £23.5 million to £27.3 million. Organic growth to the old Mount Charlotte group neared 40 per cent, while recent acquisitions contributed about £2 million. Plainly the Peel formula was working well. This entails shooting heavily for volume, and taking the hotels to the market place. London occupancy rates reached 98 per cent, the corresponding provincial level was nearly 80 per cent.

Significantly, interim interest charges were only marginally ahead at £1.4 million, suggesting that the recent spate of hotel acquisitions have done more than just wash their face. The interim dividend goes up by 15 per cent.

Mr Peel's problem, however, lies with his tax charge. After years of previous tax loss utilization, the interim payment to the Inland Revenue totalled just over £1 million. The group looks set to pay tax from here on in.

No wonder the group was talking enthusiastically about its prospects. The market knows that reentry for Mount Charlotte into the tax zone puts even greater pressure on the management's ability to squeeze earnings growth out of acquisitions. That factor in turn affects the rating, making it correspondingly more difficult to use paper to finance buys. Mount Charlotte has used its paper four times in the last 2½ years to make take-overs. But talk of good

prospects this year should help to buttress the p/e.

Such manoeuvres are of more than just academic interest. In the short-term, Mr Peel is looking at his biggest possible deal so far - a £30 million buy - and wondering whether to go via the paper or the cash route.

But the group has even broader horizons. Mr Peel's emphasis on management and his dash for growth; his close relationship with key institutional shareholders and their willingness to take his paper; all these factors recall Sterling Guarantee Trust in its early days. Some claim, perhaps unreasonably, that the institutions are grooming Mount Charlotte for a reverse into Trusthouse Forte should attempts to resolve the succession problem in the hotel chain not work out.

**Gilts**

The Government Broker cleared out one of his slower-moving lines yesterday when he exhausted the long index-linked tap. Treasury 2½ per cent 2013. The £200 million tranche has been hanging around since mid-June, yesterday's deal may have totalled £100 million.

Traders who express surprise at the pull of such exotica, when sterling is so strong and the Americans are in town, have failed to appreciate the City's subtle index-linked are a smooth hedge against a conventional market, now out of line with fundamentals and whose strength is almost wholly currency-linked.

Hardly surprisingly, index-linked stocks put on ¼ point yesterday.

**Dowty**

Dowty's modesty should appeal to investors. Its stated fifth increase to £44.2 million

before tax, though it look good, probably underestimates the performance by at least £2 million.

Unravelling the effects of various one-off influences is difficult. The credits include a £1.3 million benefit from the fall in sterling against the dollar and a £1 million contribution from acquisitions. More than offsetting these were the costs of a strike and a sharp jump in research and development spending.

The aerospace division, which accounts for nearly half the group's pre-interest total, holds the key. After a first half increase in profits of nearly £3 million, it dropped more than £4 million in the latest six months. Most of that must be put down to the strike, although the company is coy about saying how much. The research and development costs of work on the British fighter plane to be shown at Farnborough also depressed the result.

This year there should be no industrial action or no further rise in R & D spending. Dowty is keen to build up the electronic division by acquisitions. The deputy chairman, Mr John Bracher, says the recent fall in values put on electronics businesses presents opportunities by reversing what he regarded as inflated prices.

There is plenty of financial scope for expansion. Although there were £12 million borrowings at the end of the year the company has already turned that into net cash. This follows the normal seasonal pattern at Dowty.

Even without acquisitions there should be good growth in profits this year and unlike last year, this should feed through to earnings. On profits of £55 million the p/e ratio is only 10 with the shares at 173p, a rating which mirrors the company's modesty.

### Traded option highlights

Traded options business slackened off again yesterday, with even the expiry of July contracts failing to keep market men busy. A total of 6,412 contracts were traded, but no one option saw as much as 1,000 trades completed.

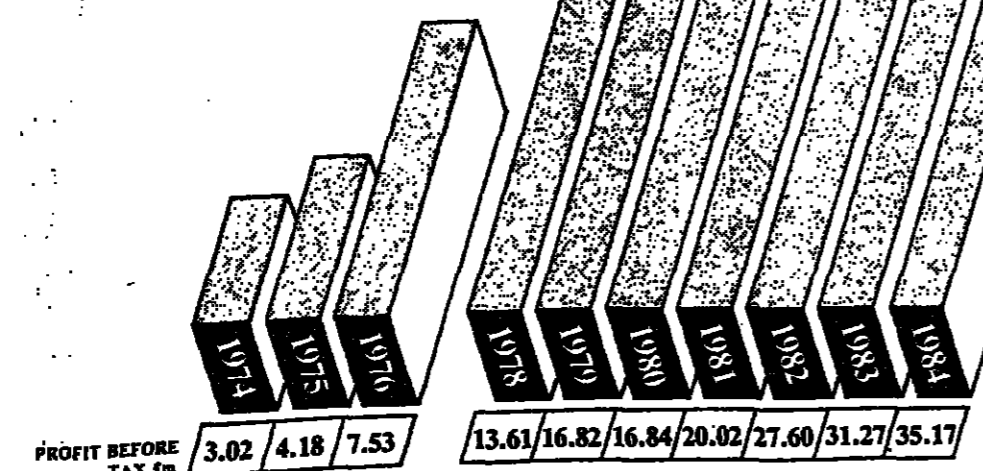
Commercial Union scored the highest total, reflecting the

extra business recorded on the main market. Some 943 CU contracts changed hands. Marks and Spencer also provided some action, with 762 M & S contracts traded.

The short-dated gilt was relatively heavily traded, notching up a total of 304 trades.

# BELL'S ESTIMATE ANOTHER YEAR OF RECORD PRE-TAX PROFITS IN 1985

Bell's confirm that Pre-Tax Profits for the year ended 30th June 1985 will be ahead of those for the year ended 30th June 1984.



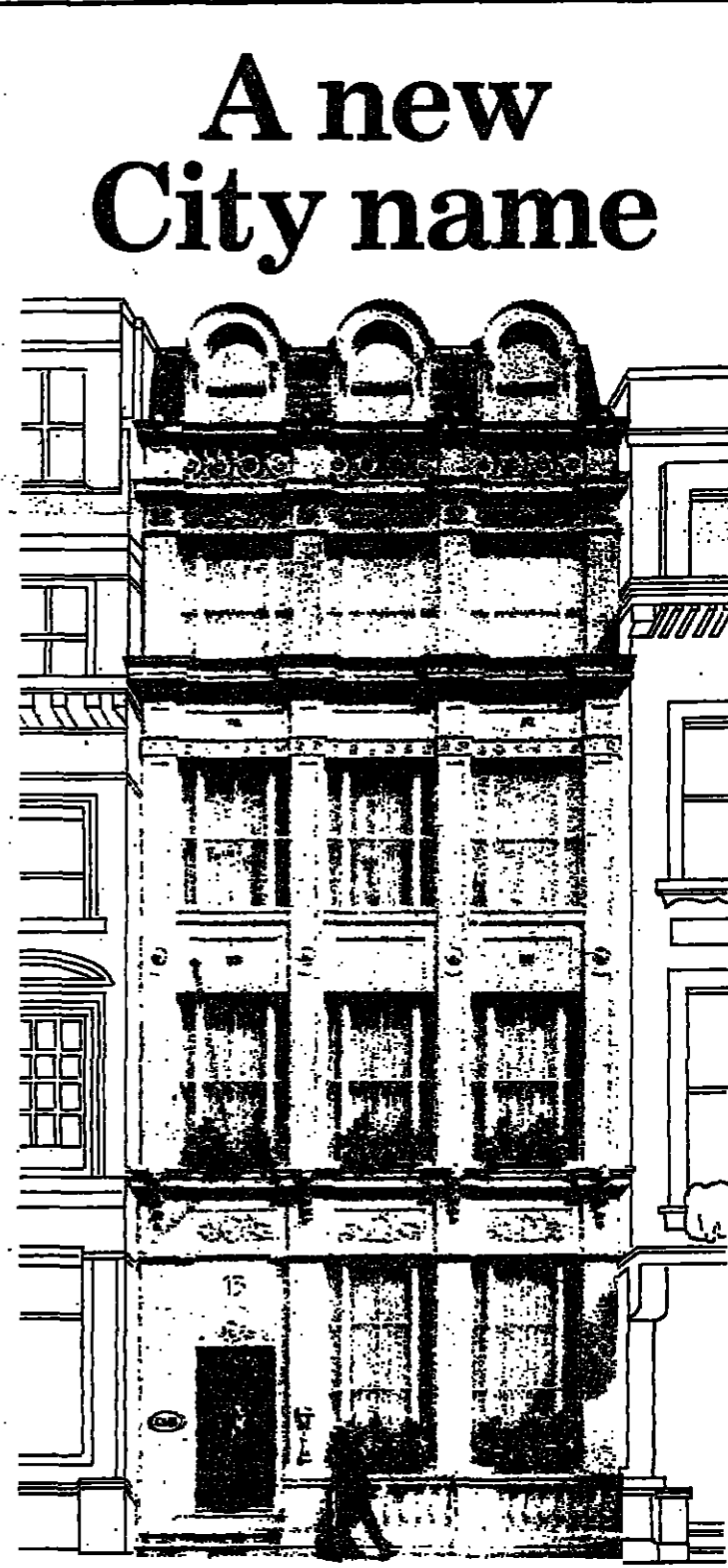
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APPOINTMENTS

The British Petroleum Company: Mr Ian Walker is to succeed Mr Alan Gregory as chairman of BP Oil from September 1, but will continue as chief executive. Mr James Ross is to be chief executive and managing director of BP Oil International from January 1, succeeding Mr David Simon. Mr Richard Bateman, regional director Europe, will retire in September.

J. Hepworth & Son: Mr John Roberts has been appointed group corporate director. Mr Neil Fairley director of marketing (retail), and Mr John Nicholson distribution and transport director.

Club 24: Mr Tom O'Malley becomes managing director.

Standard Chartered Merchant Bank: Mr Patrick Macdonald, a director of Jardine Matheson, is to be chief executive.

Ranks Hovis McDougall: Mr T S Howden will join the board on September 1 but will continue as chairman of the RHM subsidiary British Bakeries. Mr M Handley will become managing director of British Bakeries and Mr H Mann will become managing director of RHM Foods.

American Express: Miss Janet Brady has been appointed director of public relations UK and Ireland for travel-related services.

Centre for Interfirm Comparison: Mr Harry W Palmer has been made a director.

HP Foods: Mr Peter Mosley has become sales and marketing director.

E W Payne: Mr C J Grey will be managing director of technical and fiduciary accounting from August 1.

Desoutter Brothers (Holdings): Mr J Fox has been made sales director.

C E Heath & Co. (International): Mr Stuart Dominik Smyth has been appointed an assistant director.

Mills & Allen International: Mr Martin Lampard has joined the board as a non-executive director.

Aran Energy: Lord Ezra, Dr F J Lindars and Dr H C Potter have been appointed to the board of directors.

The British Association of Removers: Mr Joe Lufford, of H F Lufford & Sons, has been made president. Mr Howard Routledge, of Pickfords, is the new chairman of the Institute of the Furniture Warehousing and Removing Industry.

Ideal Homes (Midlands): Mr Mick Noble has been appointed managing director.

National Westminster Bank: Mr Conaghy Allday has been made a director of the bank's north regional board.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Databank to list 5,000 investments

Investment Property Databank, a company set up this year by six leading London estate agents, has released further details of its plans for a comprehensive property market database.

Mr Rupert Nabarro, a former Tyn & Partners land economist who now heads IPD, says that the databank, which is costing £500,000 to set up, will initially contain records of 5,000 institutional property investments worth more than £7 billion.

Almost two-thirds of Britain's insurance companies and pension funds with individual property assets of more than £100 million have agreed to provide information on their holdings to IPD. About 45 per cent of the properties will be owned by insurance companies; 35 per cent will belong to pension funds and the rest will be made up of property unit trust assets owned by merchant banks.

Details of property company investments are being excluded, in the beginning at least, because of their complexity. Mr Nabarro says that IPD wants to cut its teeth on the more straightforward institutional portfolios.

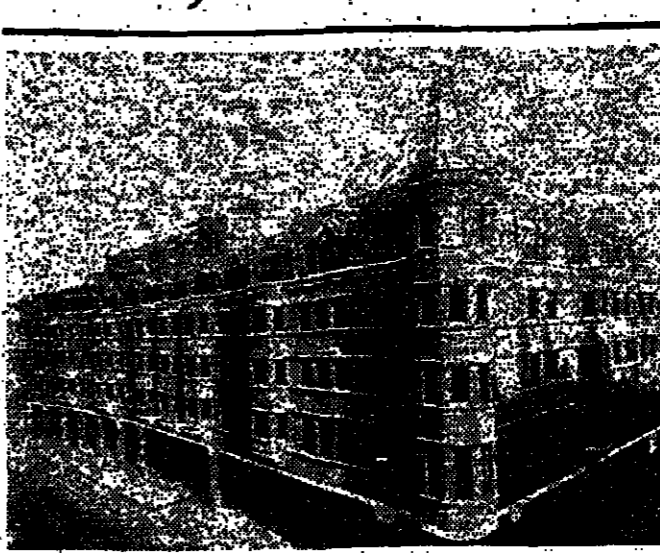
More than 100 pieces of information will be recorded for each property. After annual valuations a further 30 items of financial information will be added to the data already collected. The main financial variables will be analysed back to 1979; but IPD will also have more market information from before that date.

The first report, based on institutional involvement in property, with a performance analysis of each fund, is due out next spring. However, IPD expects to have market performance data available before then.

The fund performance analysis will be available only to the contributing funds. Individual property details will also be confidential. However, IPD will be aggregating the data so that subscribers will be able to study the property market without identifying single properties.

The aim is to allow access to the databank to everyone on commercial terms. A pricing policy has yet to be worked out. Mr Nabarro says that no information will be retained for the benefit of the six sponsoring agents: Chestertons, Cluttons, Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, Drivers Jonas, Savills and Weatherall Green & Smith.

The need for confidentiality



Hoskyns to rent former ferry office

The 54,000 sq ft Thoreson House in Shaftesbury Avenue, in the West End of London, has been let to the Hoskyns Group at £16 per sq ft. Thoreson House was one of the developments acquired by Stockley from European Ferries this year. White Michaels acted for THG and Stockley was represented by Pepper Aspinall & Yarwood and Teacher Marks & Company.

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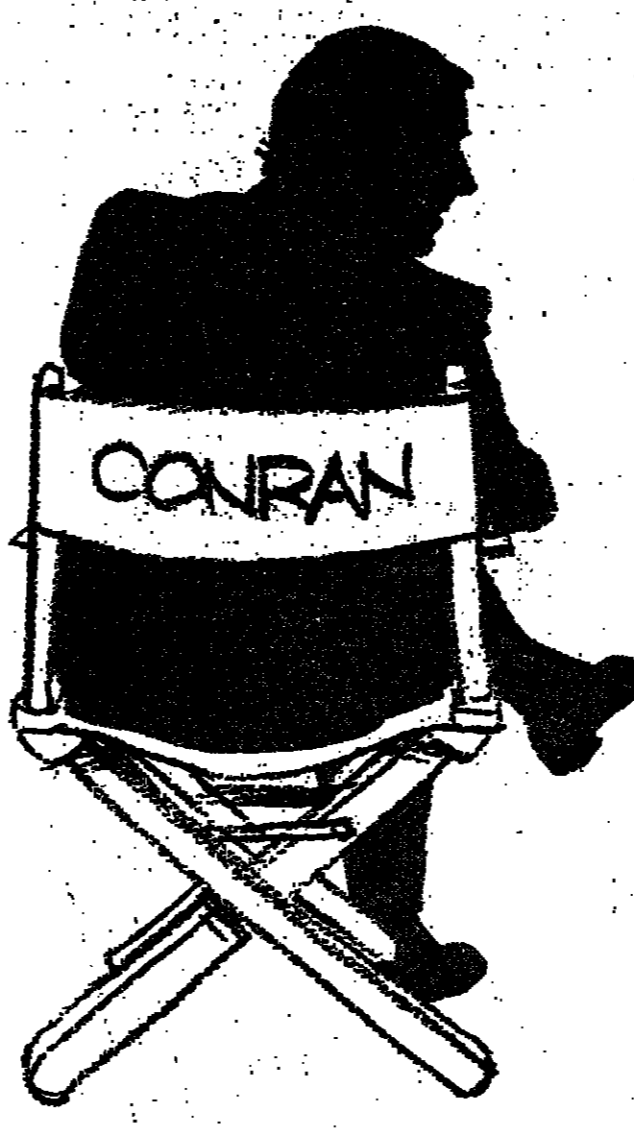
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This man is bidding for Debenhams

Mr Halpern's Burton Group is, as is well-known, bidding for Debenhams. But Burton's experience in retailing is largely limited to selling inexpensive clothes to the under-30s (a declining market\*) in single storey shops. No wonder he wants to try and grab Debenhams share of the growth market of the next decade. His single attempt to appeal to the expanding over-30s market (so well understood by Debenhams) is struggling. 'Principles', the shop chain in question, is acknowledged to be less than a success. His experience of managing large, multi-level stores retailing a wide range of merchandise is virtually nil. His expansive claims to have the ability to run Debenhams are ill-founded. To support them, he has felt compelled to present his bid as a joint effort with Sir Terence Conran. It is nothing of the kind. Burton is bidding on its own.



This man isn't bidding for Debenhams

Sir Terence Conran's Habitat-Mothercare Group is, as is less well-known, not bidding for Debenhams. He is putting up no cash. He has no legal commitment whatever to the potential future of Debenhams. Mr Halpern is offering him an option of up to 20% of Debenhams (if Burton were to take it over); this option can't be exercised until September 1986, and even then Sir Terence has no obligation to go ahead. Mr Halpern intends that Sir Terence should be responsible for design aspects. The 'galleria', their offering in store design thinking, has been largely discredited as vague and hopelessly costly. It has been pushed back to a very inconspicuous corner amongst their claims. Sir Terence can afford to sit on the sidelines; he isn't bidding.

Accountant to take MEPC building

MEPC has pre-let a 50,000 sq ft office building in Bridewell Street, Bristol, to Arthur Young, the accountant, for about £8 per sq ft. Sir Robert McAlyne will start work on the £4.5 million contract at the end of this month and the building should be ready for occupation by early 1987.

The Mercers' Company has applied for planning permission to develop 41,000 sq ft of offices and 8,800 sq ft of shopping on a prime site in Covent Garden, London.

The development is planned for a site at the rear of Long Acre, bounded by Mercer Street, Shaftesbury Street and Langley Street and will entail demolishing some existing warehouses.

Other elements of the scheme include 21 flats, a landscaped garden and 11,800 sq ft designed for "cultural uses". The Mercers' Company hopes to start work in autumn 1987.

Hewlett Packard (UK) is extending its existing 100,000 sq ft building at Wimpersh Triangle, Reading by a further 103,000 sq ft. The new building will contain 30,000 sq ft of offices. The development by Wimpey Property Holdings and Legal & General Assurance is due for completion in August 1986. A rent of £7.25 per sq ft has been agreed. Hewlett Packard was represented by Sprutt & Parker and Wimpey was advised by Fletcher King and Weatherall Green & Smith.

Planners came under attack from Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio, at this week's launch of the Government's tourism report: *Passage, Leisure and Jobs*.

Lord Young maintained that the planning system was inhibiting hotel and leisure development. "We want to change that," he said, speaking at a press conference held at St Katharine Docks, in London.

The report calls for local authorities to take a more positive attitude towards the economic and employment benefits of development.

Hastmore Estates' preliminary results proved better than most market analysts had predicted. Pre-tax profits rose from £19.3 million to £21.9 million largely due to unexpected increases in investment income and higher-than-forecast trading profits.

The Brightons financial group, Bromford Services, has entered into a joint-venture agreement with Thompson Rubin Associates of Tampa, Florida, to develop a \$20 million (£14.18 million) 300,000 square foot business park. The 30-acre site, north of Tampa's international airport, was acquired by Sunventure, a Bromford subsidiary, in 1981. Infrastructure work on the site has already been completed and the first phase is scheduled to be finished next year.

Shops prefer high street

Most retailers still far prefer high street locations according to a shopping report published by Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the estate agent.

The findings of the report, based on a survey of more than 100 national and regional chains, appears to make nonsense of theories that out-of-town shopping is killing the high street.

The agent says that there is a growing split between retailers, keen on towncentre locations and those who prefer off-centre sites but that the shop types are complementary and not in direct competition.

The report also reveals that many retailers are unhappy with the design of shop units. Developers and financiers are criticized for not paying more attention to retailers' needs.

Orders climb sharply at Airbus Industrie

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Airbus Industrie, the European plane maker in which Britain has a 20 per cent stake, took orders for 78 airplanes in the first six months of this year - more than double its sales for the whole of 1984.

The increased business, the result of a revival of passenger traffic and of airlines' profits, has almost eliminated Airbus's embarrassing backlog of "white tails", the unsold aircraft parked at the main assembly factory at Toulouse in southern France.

Orders in the first half comprised 29 A310s, 18 A300s and 31 A320s, the new 150-seater due to make its first flight in the spring of 1987. Airbus also gained three new customers. Thai Airways, the Civil Aviation Administration of China and, in a big breakthrough for the consortium on the United States market, Pan American.

According to Airbus, its wide-bodied twin jets, the A300 and A310, outsold Boeing by more than five to one in the first half and now hold 66 per cent of this sector. In the first six months, Airbus delivered 23 A310s and 10 A300s, taking the total number of Airbus planes delivered to more than 300.

British Aerospace, which makes the wings for Airbus planes, has just begun assembly of the advanced wing boxes for the A320 at its Chester plant. In December they will be fitted with moving parts and flown to Toulouse. The British Government has granted BA launch aid of £250 million for the A320.

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ATHLETICS: COUNCIL'S THREAT MAY LEAVE COMMONWEALTH GAMES WITHOUT TELEVISION COVERAGE

BBC may pull plug out on Edinburgh Unofficial South Africa tour called off

By Pat Butcher The Edinburgh district council and BBC television are on a collision course over transmission of next year's Commonwealth Games...



The offending banner: but not everyone was against Zola Budd. Television and the Edinburgh district council, one of the offending banners was removed from the electronic scoreboard...

Everton ordered to pay £800,000 for Lineker

Everton were ordered yesterday to pay a club record £800,000 for the England forward, Gary Lineker, their summer signing from Leicester City...

Long has best chance to shine in Geneva

The European junior championships, which open in Geneva today and continue until Sunday, have seldom been particularly fruitful for Britain in a team sense...

Cost poses threat to British preparation

The British team selected for the world championships in Belgium, August 26 to September 4, face various financial problems in their preparation and participation...

Yarnouth results

2.16 (7) LUCYAN PRINCESS (S. Cochrane, 9) won the Yarnouth Stakes (1000g) at Newmarket on Tuesday...

RUGBY UNION RACING

Unofficial South Africa tour called off

Wellington, (Reuter) - The veteran All Blacks forward, Andy Haden, said yesterday that New Zealand players called off an unofficial tour of South Africa...

Commanche Run is choice of Piggott

Lester Piggott arrived home from the Kenedal Sales yesterday and reported that the will partner Commanche Run and the French horse Trizekime...

YACHTING

Lion claws way out of doldrums to victory

It was doldrums all the way for the Maxi yacht competing in the Scaevon Regatta, supported by the Murrumbidgee Yacht Club...

Multihulls forge ahead

The record of 8 days 15 hours 3 minutes set by the late Rob James and his wife Dame Naomi in their trimaran, the Col Carr, during the Round Britain and Ireland race...

Catterick

2.00 (5) MYRA (S. Cochrane, 9) won the Catterick Stakes (1000g) at Newmarket on Tuesday...

Dashing Prince

Prince Henrik of Denmark, lying third for most of the way in the fourth race of the Dragon Gold Cup, yesterday gained a dramatic victory at the helm of Marguerite...

Senna tries for Formula One record

Ayrton Senna, who came close to winning the British Grand Prix at the weekend, is flying to Brands Hatch on Sunday to try to break the Formula One lap record...

Sandown Park

6.15 (6) 1. Merton Melody (S. Cochrane, 9) won the Sandown Park Stakes (1000g) at Sandown Park on Tuesday...

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Bottom section containing various sports fixtures, results, and betting information for different events.

RACING: MASTER TRAINER REFLECTS ON GREAT MEN AND HORSES HE HAS KNOWN

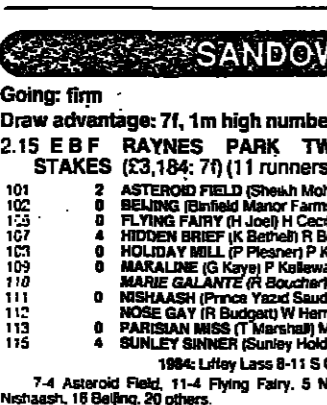
Speedy Katayla can justify star billing at Sandown

By Mandarin

The Aga Khan's promising filly Katayla looks set to follow up her sparkling Nottingham victory with another success against five rivals in the Star Stakes at Sandown Park today. Katayla had shown plenty of speed on the newmarket gallops and her reputation preceded her when she made her debut on the Midlands course at the beginning of this month. She started a warm favourite at 6-4 and never gave her supporters an anxious moment, quickening clear from a furlong out to score by six lengths from Busy Loid.

The runner-up paid the winner a handsome compliment by landing a Wolverhampton maiden event on Monday by five lengths. Katayla is also well treated by the conditions of today's five-furlong event. She receives weight from all but one of her rivals as her Nottingham price was less than £1,500 and this could prove a decisive advantage up the stiff Sandown hill. Paul Cole's Ringtail had good early-season form when beating Dancing Fillic at Newmarket in April. She took her chance in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, but after showing good speed to half-way, faded quickly to finish seventh behind Gwion.

The Aga Khan: chance of Sandown double



Trethowan sounds a note of caution

By Mandarin

The 24th annual report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, published estimates the total of £20 million which, together with the Horserace Totalisator Board's contribution of £577,000, and interest payments, provided the board with a total income of £20.8 million. Revenue expenditure during the period was £19.7 million. This gave the board a surplus of £1.1 million which, together with loan repayments of £1.3 million enabled it to make new loans totalling £1.8 million and to finance an increase in working capital of £500,000.

Sir Ian Trethowan, Chairman of the Board, commenting on the report said: "These figures may appear encouraging but this year's forecasts indicate that the Board's cash balances will be reduced by as much as £1 million. "Careful management of our resources remains therefore a major priority, and we welcomed during the year under review the report on the Board's activities commissioned from Peat Marwick, at the request of the Secretary. Many of the recommendations contained in that report have been implemented already, while others are under active consideration.

As a result I believe we have increased the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board which must be of benefit to the racing industry in the years to come.

"I am hopeful, too, that the dialogue we have initiated between the bookmakers and the racing industry will prove of benefit by increasing the understanding and cementing the very obvious interdependence which exists between them.

Tote's profits after contributions to racing, for the financial year ending 31 March, 1985 were £1,466,194, an increase of 59.5 per cent on the previous year. The Tote's contribution to racing, totalling £1,786,339 compared with £1,531,041 in 1984. Payments to racecourses went up from £707,386 to £881,192. Sponsorship increased from £177,454 to £210,826, keeping the Tote as racing's largest sponsor.

In the past eight years the Tote's annual contribution to racing made up of levy payments, sponsorship and payments to racecourses, has risen from £488,704 in 1977/78 to the current figure of £1,786,339. During 1984/85 the Tote contributed £375,000 to joint modernisation schemes at Ascot, Cheltenham and Wincanton.

Murless turns back the pages

By Mandarin

Sir Noel Murless, one of our greatest ever trainers, believes that Oh So Sharp should have little difficulty in becoming the sixth filly or mare to win the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on Saturday. Telling about Sheikh Mohammed's unbeaten 1,000 guineas and Oaks winner, whom his son-in-law, Henry Cecil trained at Warren Place, Murless said: "Oh So Sharp's a marvellous filly. I think she'll win. Law Society's a good, tough horse. But he's not a class animal. As for Rainbow Quest, I wouldn't have him on my mind."

Bruised face and broken wrist

Murless sat in an armchair at the end of the long, low-ceilinged living room. A welcoming bottle of whisky and a syphon of soda were on a little table. As the trainer's humorous eyes surveyed me quizzically out of his brown, weather-beaten face, it was hard not to notice a bruise on his face, and the fact that he was nursing a broken right wrist. "I tripped over that rug," he said, nodding at the offending object. "But I'm all right now. Just five away with your questions."

The 75-year-old son of a Cheshire farmer won the Derby three times. He captures the Oaks on five occasions and the St Leger twice. He also won the King George in three successive years with Aun Edith, Busted and Royal Palace. Looking back down the tunnel of his long experience of outstanding horses and equally remarkable men, he then made his judgment. "I've known four greats in my time. Abernethy, Petite Etoile, Crepello and Gordon Richards."

Abernethy, one of the fastest horses of the century failed to last home the mile in the 1949 2,000 Guineas in which he was beaten a short head by Nijinsky. He came back to sprinting, winning the King's Stand Stakes at Ascot, the July Cup, Goodwood's King George V Stakes and the Nunthorpe Stakes at York. Even today, after a period which has seen such brilliant fillies as Allez France and Dahlia, to name but two, Petite Etoile must still rank as one of the most talented fillies of the century. Not the most highly regarded of three of her age and sex at Warren Place in 1959, she was ridden by Doug Smith to her victories in the 1,000



Noel Murless: "training is a question of hard work, observation and patience"

Guineas, Lester Piggott preferring to partner Collyria. Prince Ali Khan's grey, daughter of Petition and Mah Iran then proved her versatility winning the Oaks, the one-mile Sussex, showed himself as the one-mile Derby winner when heading Ballymurray by one and a half lengths in 1957. He had also shown the speed to win the Dewhurst Stakes as a two-year-old. And like Dick Hern with Brigadier Gerard in 1971, Murless showed his genius by turning out Crepello to beat Quorum in the 2,000 Guineas without the benefit of a previous race.

Both Sir Noel and Lady Murless spoke simultaneously when the name of Sir Gordon Richards was mentioned. "There'll never be anyone to touch Gordon. His record speaks for itself. I know he wasn't Piggott's equal as a classic jockey. But what honesty and what integrity. Even if we offered to release him, he'd be so used to riding you horses, so I'll ride them." The association between Murless and the "long fellow" was one of the most fruitful of both men's careers. The parting of the ways came in 1976 when Piggott chose to ride Valoris for Vincent O'Brien to win the Oaks instead of partnering Varrata into third place for Warren Place. "Lester is undoubtedly one of the great jockeys of all time," Murless says. "But in many ways the situation had become untenable and the contract had been terminated the previous season. In 1967 the trainer broke all previous records when turning out 60 winners of races worth £256,693. Fleet won the 1,000 Guineas, Royal Palace the 2,000 Guineas and Busted the Eclipse Stakes and King George. "Henry's sure to win £1 million this season," Murless says. "But if I collected those races today, I'd have won much more than that."

Murless retired in 1976 and handed over Warren Place to his son-in-law, Cecil. He was knighted in the Jubilee honours list the following June and bought the Woodditton Stud. "Training is no magic art," Murless says. "It's just a question of hard work, observation and patience." Discussing the \$13.1 million paid by Robert Sangster for the Nijinsky yearling colt in Keeneland on Tuesday, he said: "It's sad and crazy. The amounts paid bear no relation to the possible returns. When Kris and Shirley Heights are £100,000, a nomination, no middle-of-the-road or small breeder has a chance. These big prices get all the publicity and it's often overlooked how home-bred horses still dominate the big mile and a half races."

Keeneland figures are down overall

By Mandarin

The dramatic concluding day of the Keeneland July selected yearling sales, with a new world record of \$13.1 million for a Nijinsky colt bought by Robert Sangster and his partners, and 14 other yearlings sold for between \$1 million and \$7 million, was a considerable improvement in turnover and average on the opening day. The average for the whole sale was \$383,333, still down 9.4 per cent on last year's record \$593,139, in all a total of \$138,645,000 changed hands compared with \$166,672,000 last year.

The big prices held up to the end of the sale, when the third lot on the close, another Nijinsky colt out of Crismson Saint, the dam of a last filly of five years ago named Terlingua, was bought for \$7 million by Sheikh Maktoum al-Maktoum of Dubai. This was Gainesborough Stud's eighth purchase of the day for a total of \$13,153,000. Topping the list on the final day were B. A. England, who did the bidding for the record-breaking colt, but also bought 17 other yearlings for \$7,225,000. Second highest bidders on the last day were the Maktoum family's Darley Stud Management, with 16 yearlings costing \$13,625,000. Their most expensive purchase was a filly by Alydar out of Kamar, a champion three-year-old filly in Canada who had won \$74 million. Darley Stud Management also paid \$1.4 million for a filly by Mr Prospector out of Stellerette. The latter's half-sister, the record-breaking colt went to the Northern Dancer colt out of Native Partner, the dam of the William Hill Middle Park Stakes winner, Formidable, who was bought to Edwint Cox for \$7.5 million.

This would have been the second highest price of the sale but it was surpassed by the bid for the horse in for his owner, Mr Ralph C. Wilson, who did not want to let the colt go if he did not achieve the \$10-million bid put on him. The second day of the sale had started quietly but the first 42 yearlings through the ring and proceeds five that made over the million-dollar mark. Among these was a Nijinsky colt out of Last Feather, winner of York's Maidens Stakes, who became the third at the sale to achieve the \$2.6-million mark. "Ash well, I couldn't say," was his parting shot. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Tom Cooper, of B B A Ireland, came out best in a long bidding duel with the American millionaire, Allen Paulson, to buy the colt.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

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SANDOWN PARK

Racing results for Sandown Park including 101-113 and 114-115 races.

Sandown selections

Selections for Sandown Park races including 1.15 Asteroid Field, 2.45 Mr Music Man, 3.15 KATAYLA, 3.50 Irish Limerick, 4.20 Almandar, 4.50 Western Dancer.

2.45 POLYCELL-WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE CHALLENGE

Apprentice challenge results for Sandown Park.

3.15 STAR STAKES

Star Stakes results for Sandown Park.

CATERICK BRIDGE

Racing results for Catterick Bridge including 2.0 COLBORN SELLING HANDICAP and 4.0 'A' ONE APPRENTICE STAKES.

Catterick selections

Selections for Catterick Bridge races including 2.0 Grey Col, 2.30 Heart of Glass, 3.30 Laird O'Montrose.

2.30 E-B-F LEYBURN MAIDEN STAKES

E-B-F Leyburn Maiden Stakes results for Catterick Bridge.

3.0 WAGE YARGING HANDICAP

Wage Yarging Handicap results for Catterick Bridge.

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**T**ables of graduate employability have been published in the past. Brunel University seems never to have been far down the list, and a year or two ago the first three entries were Brunel, Cambridge and Oxford in that order. This is not bad for a small university whose location is quite unknown to the vast majority. About 95 per cent of our graduates are employed within six months of graduation, and such has been the demand this year for our graduates in design technology that on average each of them has received already five offers of employment.

The reason for this success is easy to find. Brunel is the only British university all of whose undergraduates spend four years over their degrees, which include a significant period - 18 months - in commerce and industry during the course of it.

These "integrated courses" are very far from periods spent in work placements interspersed with the university's teaching and they extend into other fields of endeavour: the clinical approach to training which has long been established in the medical profession.

It is usual for every student to be visited in his or her firm two or

**Education that equips people to adapt easily to a changing world is needed by industry in Britain today, says Richard Bishop**



What we cannot and do not do in Brunel is accept the proposition that this should be taken to an extreme and that we should produce "custom-built" graduates for firms. That would lead inexorably to industrial and commercial intervention. Our concern is with the education of the young for their own greater good in the belief that this will also be for the greater good of UK Limited. Higher education, surely, has a lot to do with acts of faith.

Graduates aspire to middle and upper income brackets by virtue of their education and the personal

Engineering Council reminded us on this page a couple of weeks ago, it is on engineers that we rely heavily for the creation of our national wealth. How should one go about preparing entrants to the profession? Since there can be no such thing as the one true word, the answer must surely be: "By various means."

The designer who decides the deck thickness of a supertanker has to reach a decision knowing that, say, 25 millimetres should be about right under normal conditions, anything less is becoming risky and every extra millimetre will add substantially to the cost of the ship for one reason or another.

Yet the stress analysis of dynamic response to a random sea is both difficult and mathematically complicated, while the ability of welded steel to withstand fluctuating stresses for perhaps 25 years in a corrosive environment is not exactly an open book.

How, then, should our designer be educated, knowing that he will not always be thinking about ship decks and that one can match his conundrum today with countless others?

The first thing is obvious. He will have to be pretty bright, as no sort of sausage machine training can serve

his needs and he may well prepare himself by attending a technological university. There they accept the proposition that there is absolutely no conflict between scholarship and usefulness and that usefulness claps fierce requirements on the scholar-ship.

**O**ur designer needs something more. He will spend his working life making decisions which will have heavy repercussions on others - and later, as a manager, he may have to concentrate on making them stick. He has chosen a profession in which the stakes are high and any suggestion that he can get by with mere book learning is ludicrous.

In short, he will need the attributes of a leader and, because (thank goodness) we are not at war, he cannot acquire them by serving in the armed forces.

While I, personally, am wholly in favour of participation in Voluntary Service Overseas, I do suggest that something less drastic has much to be said for it. The integrated sandwich type of education does provide the undergraduate with practical experience in the working

world before he ever achieves a degree. He needs to be educated as a whole man and such education will allow him to adapt more readily to change during his years in work and will allow him not only to gain an early foothold on the employment ladder but also to see decision-making actually going on. Naturally, I do not mean by "he" and "him" that this is untrue of women - of course it is not.

The virtue of the so-called "thin sandwich" type of education, particularly for engineers, is that it allows periods of work in commerce and industry to be tailored to the state of development of the student concerned. The first placement is that of the tenderfoot, the second permits practice to be related to some theory, while the third is for the student who is gaining confidence in his own judgement.

Perhaps too much of our educational system is geared to producing academic qualification, leaving employers to start practical training from scratch and leaving graduates with the trauma of adapting theory to practice if they do not want to land on the scrapheap.

Professor Richard Bishop is vice-chancellor and principal of Brunel University in west London

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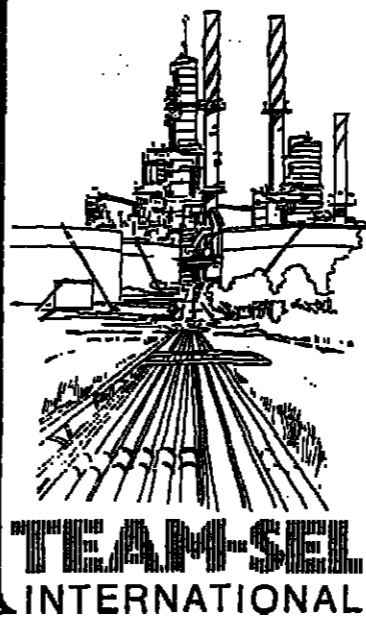
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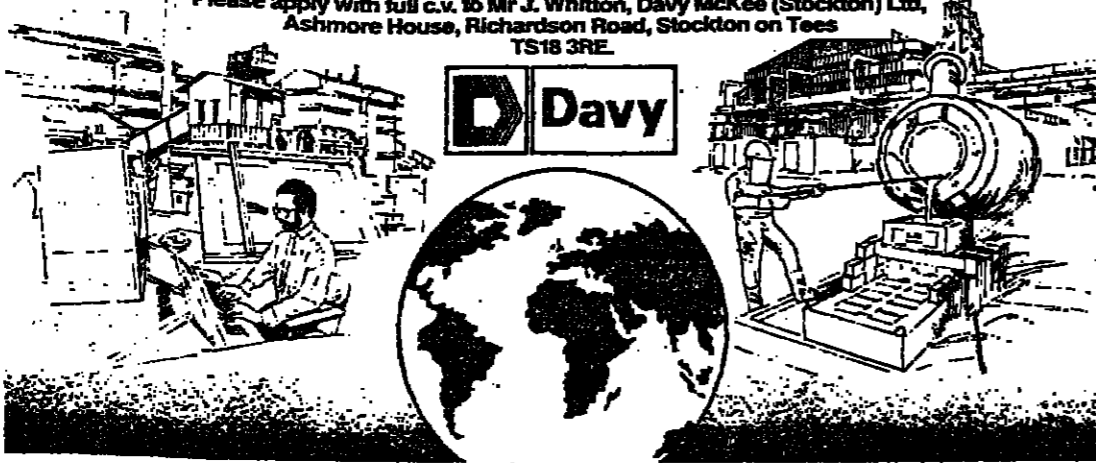
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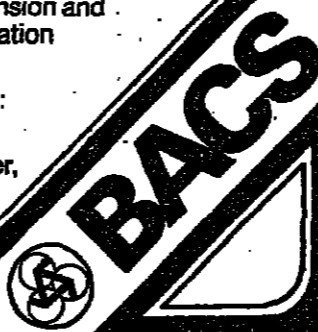
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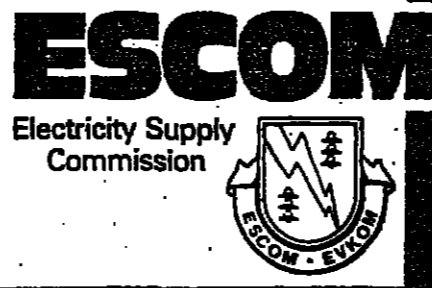
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Professions in the market

The professions are entrusted with sensitive information about their clients' health, financial or legal problems. Not the kind of thing our grand parents cared to confide to tradesmen, which is why, in the 19th century, the professions set themselves apart by various self-denying ordinances, especially on anything that smacked of selling their services by any means more aggressive than a brass plate.

Should advertising a service be restricted to the trades? Godfrey Golzen looks at recent changes

extent of taking space on billboards. One reason is that the profession needs to look for growth outside the relatively static fields of auditing and the preparation of tax returns with which it is traditionally associated.

Many big firms have expanded into activities such as management consultancy, systems analysis, advice on unlisted security market launches, mergers and acquisitions - even into recruitment and selection of financial personnel. At the same time they have continued to develop specialized expertise in the more esoteric but lucrative branches of taxation.

Much of the work of the Institute of Chartered Accountants is to help promote the wider services accountants can offer. It has produced an excellent marketing kit and runs several courses a year, on marketing itself and on associated techniques. Several practices are promoting their specialist skills by preparing booklets about them. Such publications generally get mentioned in the financial press; sending it out to subsequent inquirers is a legitimate way around the institute's continuing embargo on actual "cold" canvassing.

Marketing is also an important part of the internal training within the larger practices. Marion Dodd of Arthur Young, says: "Accountants now operate under more entrepreneurial conditions. Winning a big new audit means lengthy preparation, followed by verbal and written presentations - often in competition with other big practices."

Specific marketing techniques, generally using case studies, are taught to all Arthur Young staff, including senior management, along with the more general subject of "selling the practice".

Solicitors have also advertised, but their approach to marketing has been more circumspect. Like other professions, however, they see the need to expand outside areas with which they are associated in the minds of the public particularly now that they are in the process of losing their conveyancing monopoly.

A step in that direction has been to allow them to list their specialization

in the Solicitors' Handbook, though this is hardly a publication likely to be seen much outside legal circles. Chiefly they are trying to instil a more client-conscious attitude in training and even in their professional examinations, where questions are now much less hypothetical and more related to real-life situations.

Architects have indirectly introduced the notion of marketing into their professional practice examinations, in that these cover the practical efforts of changes in their code of conduct. They are, for instance allowed to make cold canvassing approaches to clients. But the problem is that their courses are so long and so packed that there is no room for more subjects on the syllabus. The Royal Institute of British Architects is trying to remedy that by increasing the coverage of marketing in its post-experience Continuing Professional Development courses.

Architects versus surveyors

Architects are in a particularly difficult position because their stance has to be defensive as well as offensive. One said: "We've had public image because we've been saddled with the responsibility for mistakes made by politicians and planners. We have to overcome that, while at the same time making the public aware that we have many other services to offer apart from design - building-use consultancy, energy conservation strategies and projects and project management, to mention just a few."

With some of these services, architects compete with chartered surveyors, for whom marketing has been an examination subject for the past four years. The institute also runs courses, but a Riba official says: "We're engaged in an active campaign to encourage our members to make the public aware of all the things they do, such as investment appraisal, property valuation, refurbishment, cost-consultancy and so forth."

Marketing is a new cost to be considered, and the opponents of it within the professions quote as one of their reasons that it will drive the smaller practices with fewer resources out of business.

So far there is no evidence of this and apart from the containing embargoes against poaching other peoples' clients, there is one big external constraint against firms growing too large. As some claims have shown, the level of professional indemnity insurance premiums is likely to act as a limiting factor.

Doctors connive at covert promotion

The doctors have found it hardest, and are still in the throes of a review as to where to draw the line between "ethical dissemination of factual information about practitioners" (permitted) and "self-promotion" (prohibited). Meanwhile, they are reluctant even to open the subject for discussion, in case undesirable practices might creep in which would later be difficult to reverse.

A medical official said: "We think doctors should focus their energies on treatment, not on marketing," but he admitted there was an increasing amount of the latter going on.

The trojan horse is the booming private sector, which is not bound by General Medical Council rules, and where in some cases doctors connive at being covertly promoted along with the other amenities.

A form of marketing which comes closer to the GMC's standards of acceptability is the mild variety being employed by some group practices, who put out leaflets on their specializations. This will probably be the pattern of the future, and in that case, the point at issue will be whether they will be allowed to send them outside their existing list of patients. But the practice is unlikely to play a role in professional training in the foreseeable future.

Accountants close to commerce

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